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RAMASWAMY OPEN TO JOINING TRUMP AS HIS RUNNING MATE IN U.S. PREZ POLL

The Indian-American said he will consider running on a joint ticket with Donald Trump if he fails to win the Republican nomination

BUT FOCUS IS ON WINNING THE TOP POST

Ramaswamy, who emerged as the winner of the first Republican primary debate held in Milwaukee earlier this week, said his focus was on becoming the president. He said he can reunite America only if he gets the top job. However, when asked if he would be happy to be Trump's vice president, he said, "See, this isn't about me. If this were about me, sure. That's a fine position for someone to have at my age"

TRUMP'S PRAISE SPARKS SPECULATIONS

- Rumours of a joint ticket between the two emerged after Trump praised Ramaswamy's debate performance. Notably, Ramaswamy had refrained from criticising Trump during Wednesday's event hosted by Fox News
- Ramaswamy's views are similar to Trump's and he has named his political plan 'America First 2.0' after the former president's 'America First' slogan

38-yr-old

RAMASWAMY WILL BE THE YOUNGEST U.S. PRESIDENT IF HE WINS 2024 ELECTION

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Moon landing site to be named Shiv Shakti: PM

Chandrayaan 2 lander's crash site will be called 'Tiranga Point'; Aug 23 to be 'National Space Day'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday announced that the Chandrayaan 3 landing site near Moon's south pole would be named 'Shiv Shakti Point', while the site where Chandrayaan 2 lander crashed in September 2019 will be named 'Tiranga Point'.

The PM also announced that the historic day of August 23 when ISRO scientists achieved the successful soft-landing near the lunar south pole for the first time in world history will be celebrated as 'National Space Day' every year to celebrate the spirit of science, technology and innovation, and inspire the present and future generations of Indians to develop a scientific temper.

Modi made these announcements during his address to ISRO scientists at the Mission Operations Complex (MOX) of ISRO's Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network Centre (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru to personally congratulate them and celebrate their success. He arrived in Bengaluru early Saturday directly from Athens after attending the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg.

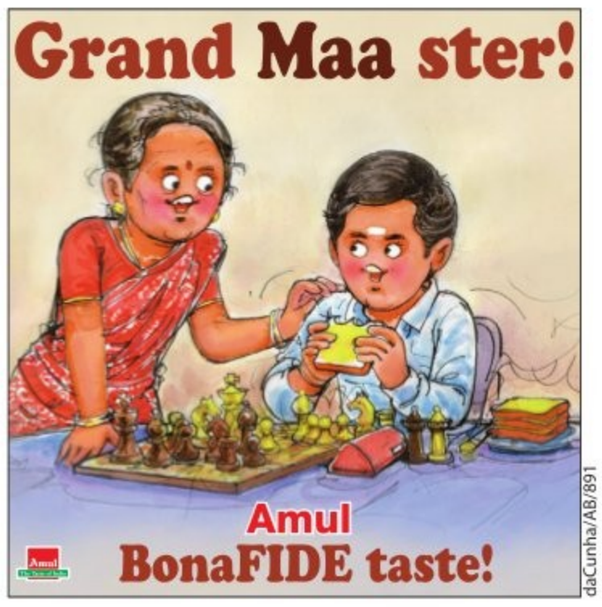
"India has decided to name the site where our Chandrayaan 3 lander Vikram has landed. It will be known as 'Shiv Shakti Point'," he said. "In Shiv, there is resolution for the welfare of humanity. Shakti is strength to fulfil those resolutions," he said while justifying the name with its sense of connection with the Himalayas to Kanyakumari.

The PM explained that the site where Chandrayaan 2's lander had crashed would be named 'Tiranga Point' to serve as an inspiration and a reminder that failure is never the end. P7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with ISRO Chairman S Somanath at ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network Centre (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru on Saturday | PTI

Modi tells Guv, CM not to receive him

Bengaluru: Prime Minister Narendra Modi set a precedent by asking the governor, chief minister and deputy chief minister not to receive him at HAL airport when he arrived there straight from Greece to greet ISRO scientists. "Since I had to come from a far away place, the arrival time was not confirmed. So, I requested the honourable CM, DyCM and governor not to take trouble (to receive him) at such an early hour. Next time when I come on an official visit, the CM and DyCM protocol will be maintained," the PM said at HAL airport. P7



WITH THIS ISSUE

PRESCRIBE OR PERISH

PLUS 12 PAGES MAGAZINE

DISCLAIMER

The Sunday Magazine cover story, 'Prescribe or Perish' (August 27 edition), went to press before the National Medical Commission put on hold the guidelines mandating doctors to only prescribe generic drugs. The concerns raised in the piece, however, remain relevant until the issue of medical ethics is resolved in the interests of patients.

9 from UP killed in fire on tourist coach in Madurai

VIGNESH V @Madurai

NINE pilgrims, including four women, from Uttar Pradesh were killed in a fire that broke out in a IRCTC tourist coach at Madurai railway yard near the Madurai Railway Junction at 5.15am on Saturday.

The coach with 64 passengers had reached Madurai around 3am on Saturday. A preliminary investigation suggested the fire had broken out while some passengers were making tea in the coach using a gas cylinder illegally on board. As the fire spread in the coach, the passengers, most of whom were asleep, struggled to escape as the doors had been padlocked. Madurai Collector MS Sangeetha said the passengers had padlocked the doors for safety reasons. By the time the lock on one of the doors could be broken, nine people had died. While eight others sustained minor injuries, the remaining passengers are safe.

Survivors said the tourist coach started its journey from Lucknow on August 17.

Fire personnel fighting the fire that broke out on an IRCTC tourist coach from Lucknow at Madurai on Saturday morning | EXPRESS

After slap video, FIR lodged against UP teacher

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Lucknow

FOLLOWING outrage over an Uttar Pradesh schoolteacher asking students to slap their classmate, an 8-year-old Muslim boy, for allegedly not learning a maths table, an FIR was lodged against Trapti Tyagi on Saturday. The video of the teacher instigating students went viral on social media on Friday.

The charges framed against her were under IPC sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 504 (intentional insult), both non-cognisable offences. They are bailable and do not result in immediate arrest. The FIR was filed based on a complaint by the boy's parents.

"The video has been circulating since Friday evening and a probe was conducted. It was found that the video was filmed by the boy's uncle. The complaint was registered on Saturday morning. The Child Welfare Committee is counselling the boy," Muzaffarnagar District Magistrate Arvind Mallappa said, adding action will be taken against her. In the video, Tyagi is seen asking Class 2 students of a private school to hit the child. She can also be heard saying: "These Muslim children... Why don't you all slap him with full force?" The clip shows students queuing up to hit their crying classmate.

NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo said instructions are being issued for action. He urged people not to reveal the identity of the boy by sharing the video.

Tyagi, however, said the video had been tampered with in order to stoke tension.

Cycle thief held 38 yrs after jumping bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolar

A man, who was absconding after he was let out on bail in a bicycle theft case 38 years ago, was arrested at Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) on Friday.

The accused has been identified as Pasha Jan, a resident of Andersonpet in KGF. Pasha is now 62. He was produced before a local court where the judge remanded him in judicial custody.

KGF Superintendent of Police KM Shantharaju told TNSE that Pasha was arrested in 1985 based on a complaint by John, a resident of ST Block in KGF, that his bicycle worth Rs 250 was stolen from Andersonpet.

After a thorough investigation, Andersonpet police arrested Pasha. However, Pasha managed to get a bail. Though a chargesheet was filed against him, Pasha did not appear before the local court. Accordingly, the judge issued a non-bailable warrant against Pasha in 1985. Since then, he has been absconding, he said.

The SP said that during his last meeting with police officers of KGF, he had instructed them to execute the pending arrest warrants and to trace those absconding in long-pending cases (LPR). Accordingly, Pasha was arrested. To confirm his identity, his fingerprints were sent to experts. His fingerprints matched with those taken when he was arrested in 1985. After getting confirmation, Pasha was arrested, he added.

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> KM Shantharaju, KGF SP

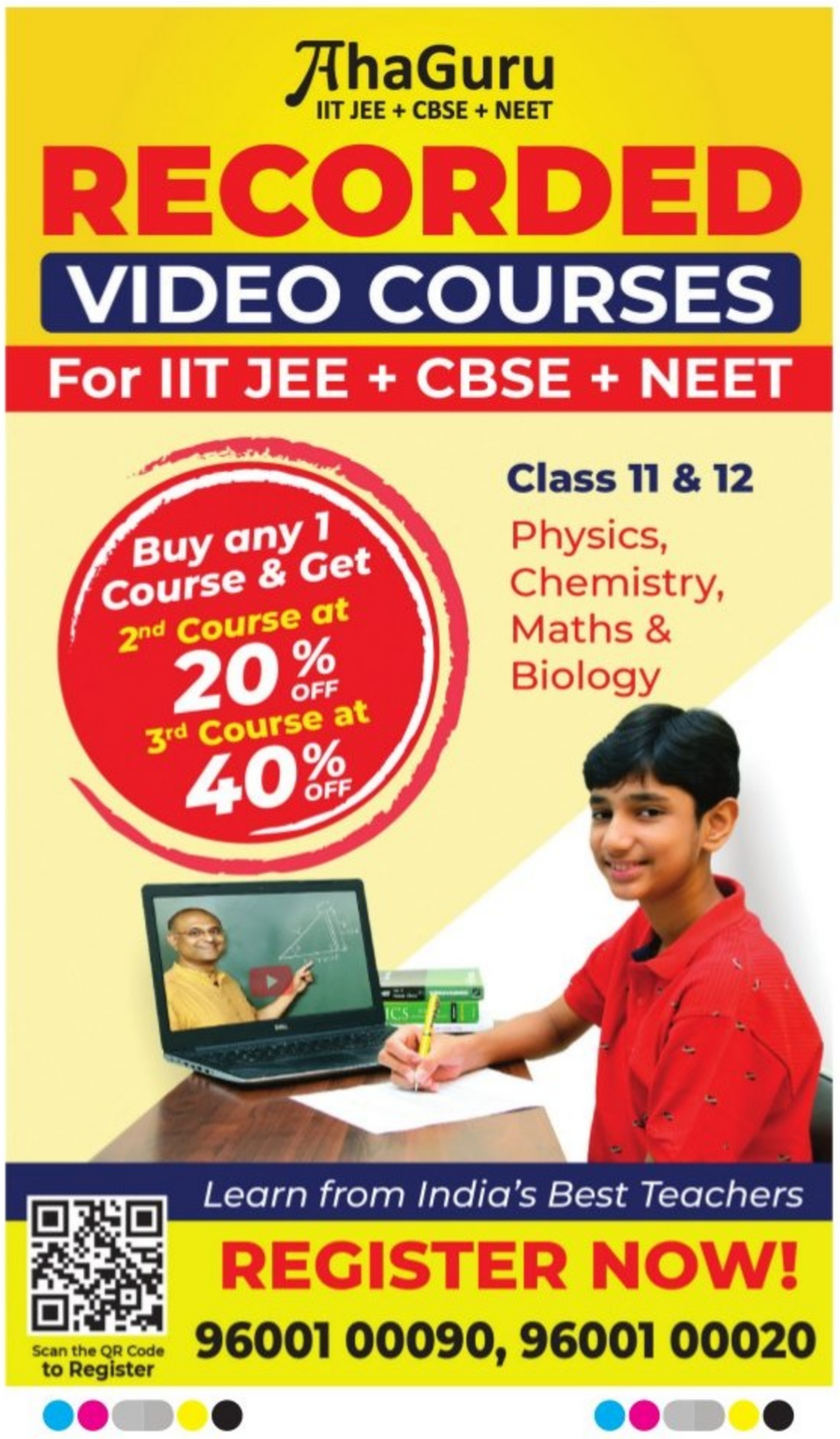
EXPRESS READ

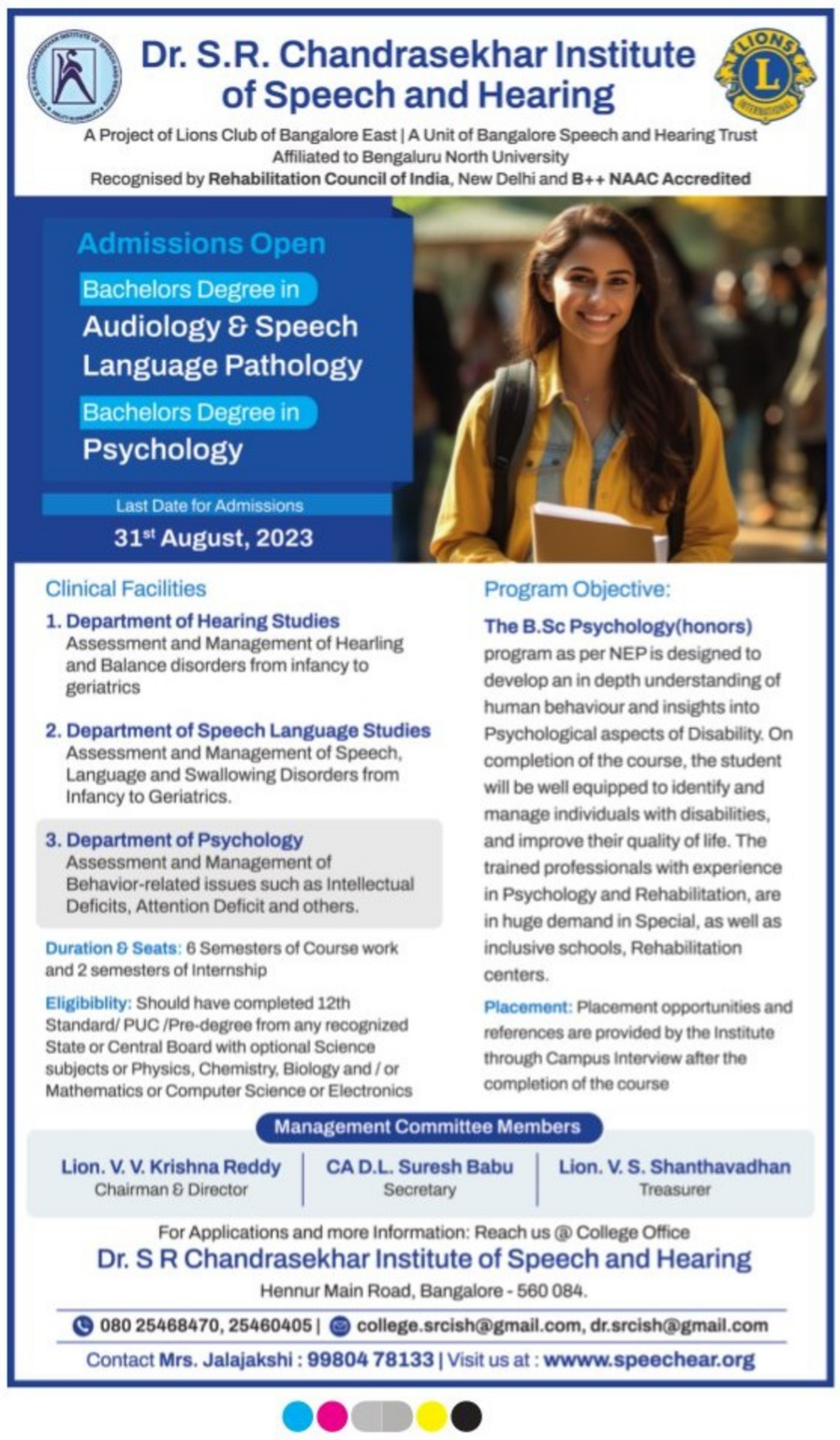
CJI bats for inclusivity in legal profession

Bengaluru: Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Saturday advocated gender sensitisation and inclusivity in legal profession. At the annual convocation of the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, he said, "As lawyers, we are aware of injustices. Our duty to uphold constitutional values is higher than that of other citizens." | P2

20% export duty on parboiled rice

New Delhi: The government has imposed a 20% duty on the export of parboiled rice, a move aimed at maintaining adequate local stock and keep domestic prices under check. The export duty, imposed on August 25, will remain effective till October 16, the Finance Ministry said. | P9





BRIGHTSIDE

SUNDAY 27.08.2023

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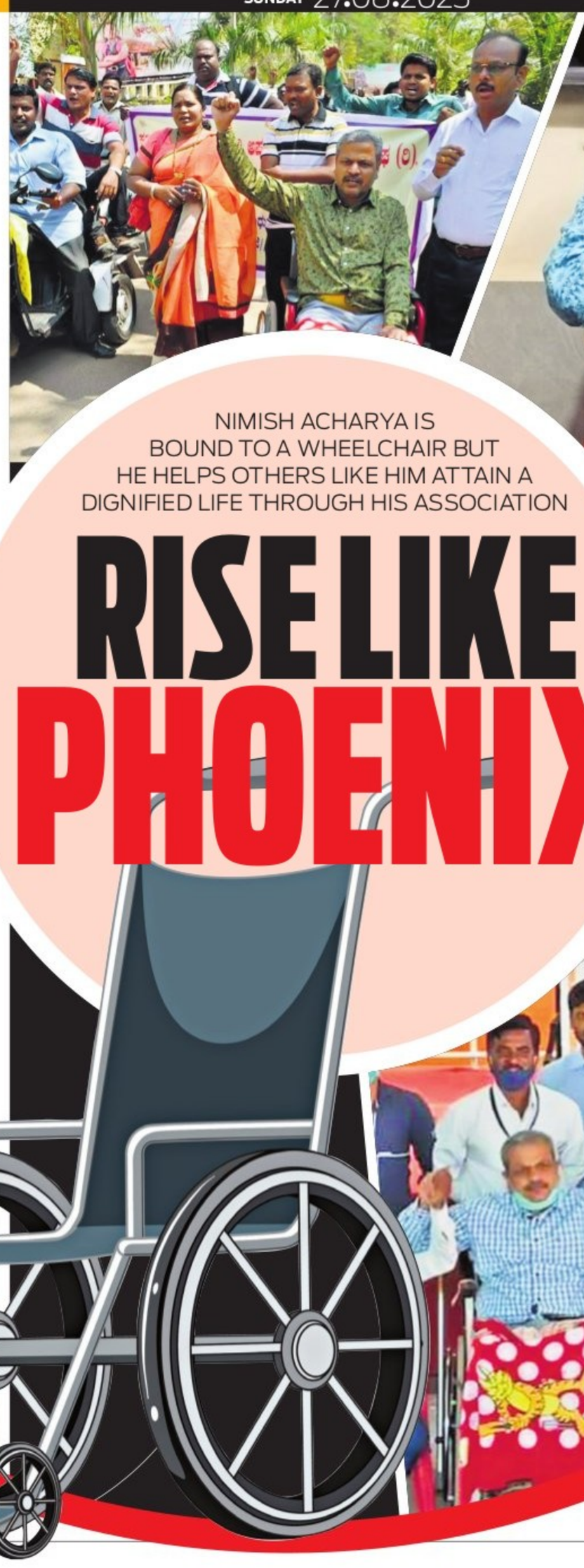

NIMISH ACHARYA IS BOUND TO A WHEELCHAIR BUT HE HELPS OTHERS LIKE HIM ATTAIN A DIGNIFIED LIFE THROUGH HIS ASSOCIATION

RISE LIKE PHOENIX

In 2001, I met with a car accident which left me completely paralysed. I was only 24 then and had a six-month-old son. I was shattered when I realised that I would not be able to walk again. I was bedridden for four years — **Nimish Acharya**

Through his NGO, Nimish Acharya has been organising medical camps for persons with disability caused by spinal cord injury

FIROZ ROZINDAR @Vijayapura

AN accident ruins many lives. But in this case, a tragedy has transformed the lives of many others. Nimish Acharya (47) met with a car accident in 2001 which damaged his spinal cord, robbed him of his ability to use his feet, and confined him to a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

It started another chapter of his life. He now arranges medical camps for persons with disability caused by spinal cord injury, protests for their rights and frequently meets officials to seek better facilities for them. The trauma and agony of what the accident took away from him made his spirit more steely, and he is now a massive source of inspiration for many like him. He epitomises this-is-not-the-end resolve.

Acharya has been running Karnataka State Association for Spinal Cord Injury Victims for a decade now, an NGO that works for the relief and rehabilitation of people with disability.

"In 2001, I met with a car accident which has left me completely paralysed. I was only 24 then and had a six-month-old son. I was shattered when I realised that I would not be able to walk again. I was bedridden for four years," he recalled as renowned doctors told him that the damage cannot be reversed.

He told *The New Sunday Express* that after spending four years in bed, he finally found a therapy that helped him gain enough shoulder strength to manoeuvre his body.

"More than the physical strength, the therapy gave an emotional boost. I began to work while going around in a wheelchair," he said. As he picked up the pieces, he came across at least 40 people in Vijayapura district like him who needed help to overcome the trauma.

Acharya has observed that in most cases the family stops caring for such a person "when they realise that the person cannot walk or work." He started meeting others like him to help them build an independent and dignified life. He purchased a medical kit and carried it with him during the meetings but his personal resources were inadequate. "The problems that people like us face are humongous which cannot be addressed without government support," he said.

The association was formed in 2013 with 40 people. "He organised a five-day medical camp for free. We involved a government hospital and some NGOs for the camp which around 20 people attended," he said. Not only is the camp now held regularly, but the number of association members has soared to 453.

Spinal cord injury victims cannot get back to their normal lives but to operate the wheelchair, they need special therapy and exercises. "Unfortunately, no government hospital offers this therapy. There are three such centres in Karnataka and all are run by private institutions which charge around Rs 10,000 per month for a three-month therapy," he said, adding that he wants the government to set up such centres in each district government hospital.

Spinal cord injury requires special treatment which comes at an exorbitant cost with an average of Rs 4,000 just for medicines.

Fighting for the rights of people with disability, he arguably became the first person in the state with a spinal cord injury to get a motorised vehicle in 2017 from the government under the quota for the disabled. Since then, he has ensured motorcycles for around 50 such people, which has brought a paradigm shift in their lives. "So far, at least 30 persons in our association have become financially independent. They have set up grocery shops or photocopy centres. They go to the market in the vehicle," he said.

Chaya Kushtagi, whom Acharya helped regain her physical and mental strength, was bedridden after an accident in 2012 in which she sustained a severe spinal cord injury.

"I was in a hospital for nearly nine months, and was becoming increasingly frustrated," she said and recalled that Acharya had visited her which gave a morale boost. It was the first time in all those months, she remembered, she sat up on the bed.

Chaya participated and came second in a beauty contest In a wheelchair in 2015 for persons with disability in Bengaluru. She is now married and lives in Bengaluru. Another victim Samir Jamkhandi is now a tax consultant and studying LLB.

However, Acharya urged the government to make a distinction between victims with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities and supply the monthly batch of medicines from the district hospital to reduce their financial burden. His battle to get justice for such people will continue till his last breath, he stressed.

CJI bats for gender sensitisation, inclusivity in legal profession

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Saturday advocated digitisation, gender sensitisation and inclusivity in legal profession.

He was speaking at the 31st annual convocation of the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru (NLSIU).

The CJI said, "As lawyers, we are aware of society and injustices in it. Our duty to uphold constitutional values is higher than that of other citizens." He recalled an incident where a young student who began his internship at a law firm was asked by his supervisor to which caste he belonged. Later, the student was asked not to come back the next day. "This incident shows some lawyers are violating the law and not upholding constitutional values," he added.

Exhorting the new batch of graduates that much has to be done for India's legal system, Justice Chandrachud said, "For judges and lawyers to not do anything at this point is unacceptable. Making the legal profession inclusive is important."

Referring to inclusivity, he said workplaces should be made more accessible and conducive for women. There have been several instances where his female judicial clerks would call up and say "I have menstrual cramps, can I work from home today?" and he would oblige.

Stating that the Supreme Court has installed sanitary napkin dispensers in women's washrooms on its premises, he said, "If we are to make our institutions equal opportunity workplaces, these conversations have to take place."

Speaking about the recent handbook released by the SC to combat gender stereotypes and sensitise judges, Justice Chandrachud said, "We have attempted to sensitise our judges on why words such as chaste women, housewife and ravished are no longer passable in modern India."

Welcoming the graduates to the legal profession, the CJI said, "We are driven by your aspirations for New India and one must never forget their roots."

As lawyers, we are aware of society and injustices in it. Our duty to uphold constitutional values is higher than that of other citizens. Making the legal profession inclusive is important

DY Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India

Revamped library opened at NLSIU

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Justice of India (CJI) and National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, DY Chandrachud inaugurated the redeveloped library at the premier institute, along with Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murthy on Saturday.

The library houses a collection of over 50,000 books and 20,000 journals covering a wide range of general and special subjects.

The new library will be of immense help to specially-abled users.

All floors of the library have been laid with tactile pathways to allow for independent navigation. The lift offers access to all floors, a room on the ground floor is equipped with Braille printers, JAWS talking reader, desktop magnifiers, smart readers and an Online Daisy Player.

On Saturday, 1,699 students graduated from various academic programmes. The university awarded 43 gold medals to graduates during the convocation.

DKS, BJP MLA share dais, listen to woes of residents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Yeshwanthpur MLA S T Somashekhar came together on the dais once again on Saturday to listen to issues of apartment dwellers of the constituency.

After listening to complaints from residents of Hemmigepura, Shivakumar said Somashekhar asked him to solve the problem of his constituency first. "I have brought government officials to solve the problems. I will listen to your problems," he said.

The residents had requested the MLA to ensure proper roads, smooth traffic, efficient garbage disposal and a government hospital among others. The meeting was organised to address these demands. "BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath has promised to do this work first. Officials from all departments, including water supply and corporation, have come and they will solve your problems," Shivakumar said.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on stage with BJP MLA S T Somashekhar during a programme to hear grievances of residents of Yeshwanthpur on Saturday

The DyCM lauded the efforts of apartment associations and communities in Uttarahalli and surrounding areas by honestly paying their taxes. On residents of Banashankari 6th Stage complaining about the wet waste processing unit in the area, the minister said he will look into the matter.

Speaking on his equation with Somashekhar, Shivakumar said, "Our friendship is 35 years old. It has borne fruit now. The feeling is that it should not be left for someone else to pluck and eat the fruits."

"I have not been able to go to Kanakapura. But Somashekhar has dragged me to your area twice. We are also concerned about your problem. You did not support Congress in this election. You should support Congress in this constituency in the next election," he said.

EXPRESS READ

9 alumni of REVA University part of Chandrayaan 3

As many as nine alumni of REVA University were part of India's successful Chandrayaan 3 mission to the Moon's south pole. Congratulating the Indian Space Research Organisation, P Shyama Raju, Chancellor of the university, said, "The triumphant landing of Chandrayaan-3's lander module illuminates the tenacity of Indian scientists and engineers. At REVA University, we bask in the glory of our alumni whose contributions have been instrumental in ISRO's journey, a testimony to their dedication and expertise." He added that India's moon mission is a tribute to humanity's shared pursuit of knowledge. The Chandrayaan-3 mission symbolises India's dedication to global collaboration and scientific innovation, Raju said. **ENS**

PETA celebrates Chandrayaan 3 mission, gifts vegan cake to ISRO

The People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), India, celebrated India's historic moon landing of the Chandrayaan 3 lander, Vikram, by presenting a rocket-shaped vegan cake to the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). The cake, inspired by the Chandrayaan-3 mission, was made with vegan ingredients, symbolizing the stance against animal testing. The gesture acknowledges ISRO's decision to avoid animal testing by sending a humanoid robot for the Gaganyaan project instead of animals. PETA India highlighted the growth of vegetarianism emphasizing the country's significant population of vegetarians. The organisation also raised concern about the suffering caused by using animals for eggs and dairy production, while pointing out the health benefits of veganism. **ENS**

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Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor

Transforming the state's industrial landscape

The UPDIC project, sprawling across the Western, Central, and Bundelkhand regions of Uttar Pradesh, is an ambitious undertaking. The government has introduced numerous policy initiatives aimed at streamlining business processes, facilitating ease of doing business, and incentivising investment.

THE STATE'S impeccable administration and its government's efficiency under the able guidance and transformative approach of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath have shaped the state into a destination of choice for domestic and global investors and an emerging powerhouse generating unprecedented growth in the nation's economy.

Having taken shape in an investors' summit in February 2018 – the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) – encapsulates the ushering in of a new era for India in the global arena, empowering it to take a leading position in defence and aerospace manufacturing. Bringing in substantial investment opportunities through a strategic location, state-of-the-art infrastructure and a dynamic policy framework, the transformative initiative of UPDIC abounds in potential, possibilities and avenues for exponential growth and benefits to the defence sector.

Owing its origin to the Union Government sanctioning defence corridors for Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, the UPDIC project aims to give impetus to the beginning of a new era of indigenous military goods manufacturing. Since then, Uttar Pradesh has firmly etched its presence as a frontrunner in this initiative by establishing itself as a defence manufacturing hub in the country – a remarkable metamorphosis meticulously brought to fruition by the state's visionary leader and Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath. As a leader par excellence, he has been the driving force behind the Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridor project gaining momentum across six strategic nodes within the state: Agra, Aligarh, Lucknow, Kanpur, Chitrakoot, and Jhansi.

Helping build a resilient foundation for its thriving defence and aerospace industry has been the state government's strategic move to focus on infrastructure, information technology (IT), agriculture, and manufacturing sectors has led to a mammoth increase in its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

With a proposed investment of Rs 22980.605 crore and with the western, central, and Bundelkhand regions of Uttar Pradesh within its ambit, the UPDIC project is an ambitious and fruitful undertaking that is a testimony to the government's unflinching resolve to revolutionize the state's industrial landscape.

In the last nine years, you must have seen that India is becoming self-reliant in the field of security. Today the enemy cannot look at India with evil intentions. The Defence Corridor of Lucknow is realizing the vision of Make in India in Uttar Pradesh itself. When the BrahMos missile will be made in the node, no enemy will be able to cast an evil eye on the country.

-Yogi Adityanath
Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh

Unprecedented connectivity & infrastructure development

Shedding light on the Uttar Pradesh government's focus on creating a business-friendly environment in the state and fostering the state's allure as an aerospace and defence investment hub includes several noteworthy initiatives – 16 domestic and 05 international airports alongside an extensive railway network offering 8,949 kilometers of train connectivity serving the UPDIC and a strategically-aligned road transport infrastructure with direct connectivity to Delhi and Kolkata.

Furthermore, six expressways – Yamuna Expressway, Agra – Lucknow Expressway, Purvanchal Expressway, Bundelkhand Expressway, Gorakhpur Link Expressway, and Ganga Expressway – will serve as the backbone of seamless road transportation in the region.

Additionally, each node of the defence industrial corridor has been planned to perfection and has been thoughtfully and thoroughly equipped with the necessary infrastructure and logistics to ensure unhindered and effortless movement of goods and resources while reducing operational costs.

Captivating National & International Interest

With several domestic and international companies flocking to benefit from the immense potential that UPDIC holds, it comes as no surprise that the likes of BrahMos Aerospace, Adani, Tata Technologies, Ancor Research Labs, and Aerolloy Technologies have invested in upcoming projects in the corridor. In addition, Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) –Bharat Electronics Limited and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, among others – also have a presence in the state witnessing an era of unparalleled growth.

Jhansi Node-UPEIDA allotted 183 Hcr. land to Bharat Dynamics Ltd. to set up Defence Corridor's first anchor unit in Jhansi to manufacture propulsion systems.

As much as 211 hectares of the 222 hectares earmarked by UPEIDA have already gone to five defence companies which have started working on setting up the units

To further bolster its Defence Corridor project, the Uttar Pradesh government has signed 135 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), including 110 industrial MoUs and 25 institutional MoUs. While the state government has approved IIT Kanpur and IIT BHU, Varanasi, for establishing the Centre of Excellence related to the corridor, an MoU has been signed between UPEIDA and the Indian Navy to facilitate identifying problem areas to find solutions and manufacture through Indian Industry.

UPDIC has also partnered with financial institutions like – HDFC, Indian Bank, India Exim Bank, Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank, State Bank of India and SIDBI to assist the investors in the sourcing of funds and aligning the prospective investor with opportunities available in the defence sector in accordance with their capabilities.

Uttar Pradesh is set to be known as the most modern state with next-generation infrastructure in the future. New expressways, airports and railway lines will prove to be boons for the people of the state. When the whole of Uttar Pradesh grows together, the nation progresses.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Reflecting the unfaltering faith of various industries in this project is the cumulatively proposed mega influx of investment worth Rs 4661.38 crore of 36 industries that have been allotted over 583.541 hectares of land.

Moreover, the land parks where the defence units have been planned, are sustained by a network of expressways for better and easier reach. Yamuna Expressway, Agra Lucknow Expressway, Purvanchal Expressway, Bundelkhand Expressway and the Gorakhpur Link Expressway along with the Ganga Expressway have been strategically planned to ensure smooth transport of labour and other resources to the defence corridor.

Accelerating economic growth

Uttar Pradesh's Expressway Network

Expressway State with 6 Expressways Operational and 7 are under construction in various stages.

These upcoming expressways in UP will positively impact the state's economic growth. Infrastructure development also helps boost the overall sectors in the region.

UNDER THE visionary leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh continues to forge ahead, penning an exemplary saga of industrial growth as the state's extensive expressway network spreads wider and scales the heights of state-of-the-art augmentations. Spurring the state's industrial progress and positing it as a favourite investment destination is the well-planned expansion of the expressway system, boosting strategic infrastructure development.

The Yogi-Adityanath-led government's road map delineating the transition of Uttar Pradesh's economy into a whopping 1 trillion-dollar economy entails accelerating industrial development by enhancing infrastructure facilities. Ushering in an upward growth trajectory in the development graph of Uttar Pradesh are the state's ambitious infrastructure projects that lie at the heart of roping substantial investments. The emergence of an ever-rising number of investment projects after the successful culmination of the UP Investors Summit in 2018 alongside the surge in opportunities brought forth during the UP Global Investors Summit in February 2023 have bolstered the exceptional growth in the state's industrial prospects.

Scaling up the Expressway Network

Catering to the burgeoning need for expanding and enhancing the expressway network of the country's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh, in order to forge greater, easier, faster and better mobility for its people and businesses is the government's unwavering commitment to improving road connectivity, which is reflected in the state now being home to India's most extensive expressway network.

In this regard, the operational 340.824 kilometers-long Purvanchal Expressway, the Bundelkhand Expressway spanning 296 kilometers and 302 kilometers Agra-Lucknow Expressway have not only boosted better road connectivity but also helped attract substantial investments in the state along the e-way.

Furthermore, Ganga Expressway and Gorakhpur Purvanchal Link Expressway, which is under construction, bear witness to the government's sincere and relentless efforts and steadfast focus on expanding the state's transportation networks.

Enhanced connectivity catalyzing faster growth

The pivotal role of improved road connectivity cannot be overemphasized in drawing in investments to Uttar Pradesh. As more and more key expressways open to the public, businesses and industries in the state find themselves in an ideal spot to reap the benefits of enhanced connectivity to prime markets and major ports, aiding trade promotion and stimulating business activities while adding to supply chain efficiency. With funds being allocated to Chitrakoot Link Expressway and Defence Corridor, the government is paving the way for further infrastructure development, strategically aligning these projects with its commitment to foster greater industrial growth in the region.

Heralding a promising future with ambitious projects

Spanning an area of 2,43,286 square kilometers, Uttar Pradesh is the fourth largest Indian state, wherein the 594-kilometer-long Ganga Expressway's construction, which is underway, will mark a significant step in curtailing travel time between the state's eastern and western parts. The dream project of the state's government will transform Uttar Pradesh's landscape in a myriad of ways by facilitating better regional connectivity and giving rise to infinite prospects for socio-economic progress. The state is aiming at embracing more opportunities for all-encompassing development through its numerous ongoing projects, which include the Ghazipur-Ballia-Manjhighat Expressway, the Lucknow-Kanpur Expressway and industrial corridors' development along various highways and expressways.

Laying the foundation for phenomenal progress with 10 National Highway Projects

Laying the foundation stones for 10 significant National Highway (NH) projects in Uttar Pradesh marked the Yogi Adityanath-led government's epoch-making, proactive stride toward boosting accessibility and driving infrastructure development and economic growth in the state by leading transformative changes.

HOME TO the country's largest youth cohort and the Indian state with the most population, Uttar Pradesh plays a key role in nation-building. 10 National Highway projects, worth Rs 8,400 crores, being rolled out in the state bodes well for the growth of industries and businesses while benefitting farmers and accelerating infrastructure development, which are essential components of the state's growth. While launching these projects, the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari praised Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for being "strict" on the law-and-order situation in the state, lacking which no state can prosper.

These momentous projects encompass the development of 40 by-pass roads, amounting to Rs 41,000 crore, the 840-kilometer-long Gorakhpur-Shamli Greenfield Expressway connecting eastern UP to the state's western parts and the upcoming four-lane highway that will connect Pratapgarh with Ayodhya and Sultanpur. Holding colossal importance among these projects is the four-lane highway that will connect Pratapgarh with Ayodhya and Sultanpur as it will ease the journey of droves of tourists and pilgrims traveling to Ayodhya's Ram Mandir, likely to be opened to the public by next year. Moreover, in light of the grand Kumbha Mela being held in Prayagraj in 2025, the foundation stone of a four-lane road project has been laid that will connect the city to Pratapgarh.

Civil Aviation opening doors for investment opportunities

Better Convenience, poised to become a 21-airport state with 5 international and 16 domestic airports

A SLEW of comprehensive measures initiated by the state government has been the fulcrum of rendering the state a promising investment destination for the civil aviation sector. While the civil aviation sector's burgeoning growth has given rise to multiple investment opportunities in various sub-sectors, capitalizing on these opportunities has enabled businesses to attain profitable growth and contribute to the state's economic development.

The upcoming Noida International Airport, in addition to the ongoing modernization initiatives of existing airports, has opened up new vistas for a spectrum of investments in airport infrastructure, entailing terminal buildings, cargo complexes, maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facilities, and ground handling services.

Moreover, the rise in demand for aviation services resulting from an increase in passenger traffic and the number of flights brings about plenty of investment opportunities in ground handling services, air freight services, air taxi services, and aviation training institutes.

Furthermore, the government is also promoting Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for the development of airport infrastructure.

With the state government offering attractive incentives for setting up aerospace manufacturing units in Uttar Pradesh to promote investment in this sector, it foretells a flourishing future for this sector that manufactures aircraft, helicopters, drones, and their components.

The state government has come up with several favorable policies to attract investment and establish Uttar Pradesh as a global aviation hub. The Uttar Pradesh Civil Aviation Promotion Policy, 2017, is one of them that has at its core infrastructure development, ease of doing business, skill development, and sustainable development in the civil aviation sector. In line with the policy, the government provides various incentives to investors – capital investment subsidies, interest subsidies, and stamp duty exemption.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the new terminal building of Kanpur Airport . Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia was also present on the occasion.

Create a conducive business environment and provide adequate incentives for the development of robust

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Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences, Saifai, Etawah - 206130 (U.P.)
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L.No. 1979/ UPUMS/Recruitment Cell/2023-24 Dated: 26/08/2023

CORRIGENDUM

In reference to advertisement No. UPUMS/ACAD/29/2023-24 dated: 15-06-2023 in broad specialties and super specialties for the post of **Assistant Professor under the column Additional teaching and research experience in the relevant specialty "BCBR and rBCW/ BCMET certificates" is being deleted.**

The deadline for receipt of applications for the **First Cycle** for all positions mentioned in the advertisement is being extended till 15-09-2023. For details kindly visit the University website:**www.upums.ac.in**

Rest of the terms and conditions will remain the same. **Registrar**

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT
(Employment Wing)
KOUSHALYA BHAVAN, DAIRY CIRCLE, BENGALURU – 560 029. Ph: 080-25189112/25189136

No.: ITE/EMP/E-8/CR-21/2022-23 **Date: 25.08.2023**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Department of Industrial Training and Employment, is inviting e-tenders, the sealed and superscribed tenders under two electronic tender document system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 through e-procurement portal for providing manpower services for below specified manpower resources to various District employment exchanges of Karnataka and Employment Wing, DITE for the period of one year from the eligible and registered service providers.

Tender documents available In the portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from 28.08.2023. Pre-bid meeting: 31.08.2023, Time: 12.30 PM.

Sl No	Tender Notification No.	Required Manpower service		Last date and time for submission of bids
1	ITE/EMP/E-8/CR-22/ 2022-23, Dated: 05.08.2023.	1. Deputy Managers	04	11.09.2023, 17.30 Hr
2	ITE/EMP/E-8/CR-21/ 2022-23, Dated: 05.08.2023.	1. Job Development Executives	29	26.09.2023, 17.30 Hr
		2. Councellors-Cum-Trainers	29	
		3. Data Entry Operators	29	

*Tender documents and info regarding tender processing fee and EMD details are available in e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

*For more details regarding opening and evaluation of bids please refer tender documents.

Sd/- Tender Inviting Authority
CITE, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1055/AKAR/2023-24

UCO BANK
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (for immovable properties)
(In terms of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest SARFAESI Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorised Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and there after in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI Act 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorised Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by **E-auction** and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of the immovable properties mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS"** basis.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues	a) Date & Time for inspection of the property b) bid submission last date c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	**1. Mrs Swetha C Kolvekar W/o. Dilip U Aradhya,** 18th, 2nd Main Road, Sharavathi Nagar, Patteghar Palya, Bangalore-560079 **2. Mr Dilip U Aradhya S/o. Uday Shankar S,** 18th, 2nd Main Road, Sharavathi Nagar, Patteghar Palya, Bangalore-560079	a) **08.07.2022** b) **15.10.2022** c) **Rs. 40,80,756.80** plus interest and costs charges	a) **11-09-2023 between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** b) **12.09.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **12-09-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.25,52,000/-** b) **Rs.2,55,200/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property : TITLE DEED NO- 9153/16-17, Dt:- 06-03-2017 Flat bearing No. B004, Khatha No.1117/148/3 & E-Khatha No.150300401000121030,"B" wing in Ground floor, measuring 1077 Sq.Feet super Built-up area, containing Two bedrooms together with RCC Roofing, vitrified flooring, one common toilet and one attached toilet, one hall, one kitchen, together with one covered car parking space,490.80 sq.feet. Undivided interest in the immovable property bearing converted Sy No. 148/3 of Kannurahalli Village and including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase , contained in the multi - storeyed building known as " NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS constructed in converted Sy.No.148/3 of Kannurahalli Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **bounded on the:** East By: 2 Mtr Wide Corridors, West By: Nisarga Capital Block"A" Apartment, North By: Flat Bearing Number B005; South By: Flat Bearing Number B003.			
2	**Borrower:- 1.Mr.S. Kiran Kumar, S/o. Late Sreenivasa Murthy,** # No.82/1 (Old No.62), PID No.133- WO 145-59 Binny Layout, Hampi Nagar, RPC Layout, Bangalore, Bangalore-560104. **2.Mrs. Savitha L, W/o. Mr.S. Kiran Kumar,** # No.82/1(Old No.62), PID No.133- WO 145-59 Binny Layout, Hampi Nagar, RPC Layout, Bangalore, Bangalore-56010. **Mortgagor:- Mr. S. Kiran Kumar, S/o. Late Sreenivasa Murthy**	a) **28-10-2019** b) **06-02-2020 Physical 03.02.2023** c) **Rs.2,35,25,154.15** plus interest and costs charges etc	a) **11-09-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 PM** b) **12.09.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **12.09.2023 between 01.00 pm to 05.00 PM**	**Mentioned against each Property below**
	Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building Bearing Flat No.B001, B105, B106, B205, B206, B305, B306, "NISARGA CAPITAL" APARTMENT, Khata No.1117/148/3, E-Khata No.150300401000102507, Converted Khata No.148/3, Adjacent to Nisarga Layout, Hoskote, Malur Road, Kannurhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru -562114. Building have Stilt + GF and 3 upper Floor. All are 2BHK Flat. **Total Site bounded on:** East by: Sy.No.162 & 163, West by: Sy.No.149 & 150, North by: Remaining land in Sy.No.148/3, South by: Road and Brook.			
	Item No.1 **:** Flat No. B001 having super built up area 1223 sq.ft in Ground Floor and **Bounded on :** East by: Corridor & Flat No.B010, West by: Open Space, North by: Flat No.002, South by: Open Space.			a) **Rs.27,86,400/-** b) **Rs.2,78,640/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.2 **:** Flat No. B105 having super built up area 1165 sq.ft in First Floor and **Bounded on:** East by: Corridor & Flat No.B106, West By: Open Space, North by: Open Space, South by: Flat No.B104.			a) **Rs.26,56,800/-** b) **Rs.2,65,680/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.3 **:** Flat No. B106 having super built up area 1110 sq.ft in First Floor and **Bounded on :** East by: Open Space, West By: Corridor & Flat No.B105, North by : Open Space, South by :Flat No.107.			a) **Rs.25,35,300/-** b) **Rs.2,53,530/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.4 **:** Flat No. B205 having super built up area 1165 sq.ft in Second Floor and **Bounded on :** East by : Corridor & Flat No.B206, West by: Open Space, North by: Open Space, South by :Flat No.204.			a) **Rs.26,56,800/-** b) **Rs.2,65,680/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.5 **:** Flat No. B206 having super built up area 1110 sq.ft in Second Floor and **Bounded on:** East by : Open Space, West By: Corridor & Flat No.B205, North by: Open Space, South by: Flat No.207.			a) **Rs.25,35,300/-** b) **Rs.2,53,530/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.6 **:** Flat No. B305 having super built up area 1165 sq.ft in Third Floor and **Bounded on:** East by : Corridor & Flate No.B306, West by : Open Space, North by : Open Space, South by: Flat No.304			a) **Rs.26,56,800/-** b) **Rs.2,65,680/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Item No.7 **:** Flat No. B306 having super built up area 1110 sq.ft in Third Floor and **Bounded on:** East by: Open Space, West By: Corridor & Flat No.B305, North by : Open Space, South by :Flat No.307			a) **Rs.25,35,300/-** b) **Rs.2,53,530/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	A/C No. 24430210000199, IFSC Code : UCBA0002443, UCO Bank, Hosakote Branch, Bangalore Rural-562114			
3	**Mr.Mohammed Ayub Hussain** and **Mrs.Shaheen Taj,** No.291, 8th Cross, 3rd Stage, Pillana Garden Layout, Bangalore-45.	a) **01-03-2019** b) **25-05-2022** c) **Rs.1,56,65,874=07** plus unapplied interest and costs	a) **11.09.2023 Between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** b) **12.09.2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **12.09.2023 between 01.00 pm to 05.00 PM**	Mentioned against each Property below
	Description of Immovable Property : Property-1 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.(003)GC on Ground floor measuring about 1299 Sqfts with undivided share of 325 Sqft with one car parking space carved out from property bearing BBMP Khata No.110/1, KTR/C/HM/CHKR/299/20/12-13 measuring about 8 guntas, Converted into residential purposes vide conversion order bearing No.ALNSR.92/12-13 dated 11/02/2013 situated at Marappa Layout, Moshamapalya Chalkere Cross Road, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore which comes within the jurisdictional of BBMP limits "VASTAV SNEHA ENCLAVE" and **bound on:** East by: Remaining balconies, West by: Flat No.GB, North by: Garden Area & South by: Corridor.			a) **Rs.47,67,200/-** b) **Rs.4,76,720/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property : Property-2 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.(004)GD on Ground floor measuring about 1625 Sqfts with undivided share of 406 Sqft with one car parking space carved out from property bearing BBMP Khata No.110/1, KTR/C/HM/CHKR/299/20/12-13 measuring about 8 guntas, Converted into residential purposes vide conversion order bearing No.ALNSR.92/12-13 dated 11/02/2013 situated at Marappa Layout, Moshamapalya Chalkere Cross Road, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore which comes within the jurisdictional of BBMP limits "VASTAV SNEHA ENCLAVE" and **bound on:** East by: Remaining Passage Area, West by: Flat No.GE, North by: Corridor & South by: Remaining Passage Area			a) **Rs.59,45,600/-** b) **Rs.5,94,560/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	A/C No. 01510210000656, IFSC Code : UCBA0000151, UCO Bank, Cantonment-Branch, Bangalore-560001			

Details of known encumbrances: Not Known

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) Sale shall be subjected to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and Conditions of the sale is available/ Published inthe following websites/ Web Portal: **i) https://ibapi.in, ii) https://mstcecommerce.com/**
2) The Properties are being sold on **"As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" and" Whatever There is Basis"**
3) The Particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officers, but the Authorized Officer shall not beanswerable for any error, misstatement or Omission in this proclamation.
4) The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website. **https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp on date 12.09.2023 from 1.00 PM to 5.00 PM**
5) It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self-bid and participate in the auction. 6) The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer.

Date: 25.08.2023, Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer, UCO Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public are hereby informed that I, **SANDEEPA. N,** R/at : Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, Samaikyaa's KK Veni Plaza, B.Narayanapura, Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore - 560016, has lost the Original registered sale deed documents viz., **original registered sale deed No. 3632/ 2011-2012, dated 24-08-2011, Property bearing Sy.No.53/3, measuring an extent of 30 1/4 guntas along with kharab land of 1 1/4 guntas.**

A Complaint is lodged in Police on dated 25.08.2023. Lost Report No.0700140/2023 If anybody found the said document **please contact this No.8748077726 - 9900007938.**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.DCE-CN-CLT-OT-02-2023 Dated: 23/08/2023

Name of the work: Doubling of track between Mangalore Junction and Panambur – Proposed repairing of existing store shed and providing compound wall, CC flooring for storage space etc at PGT.

Tender Value: Rs. 38.44 lakhs

Completion Period: 06 months

Date of Opening: 29/09/2023 @ 11.00 hrs

Complete details & tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Deputy Chief Engineer/I/ Construction, Ernakulam

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Proclamation Requiring the Appearance of a Person Accused (See Section 87) C.C.No.8004/SS/2017
To,
The Commissioner of Police of Bangalore, Bangalore-560003. No. 52/2023 Dt. 02/08/2023

Whereas, complaint has been made before me that **02. R. D. Gopinathan** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence of punishable under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **02. R. D. Gopinathan** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **02. R. D. Gopinathan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).Proclamation is hereby made that the said **02. R. D. Gopinathan of No. 59, Manirathna Complex 1st, 2nd and 3rd Floor, S. P. Extension, 11th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003** is required to appear at the Metropolitan Magistrate, 48th Court, Andheri, Mumbai (or before me) to answer the said complaint on the **31st day of August, 2023** Dated: 28th day of July, 2023

Metropolitan Magistrate, 48th Court, Andheri, Mumbai

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients are interested to purchase the below mentioned property from (1) Sri.Ramachandra son of Pattadi Nagappa and (2) Smt. Anjanamma wife of Late Krishnappa. Any person/s who have got any claim or right over the schedule property shall inform the under signed with documentary proof within 10 days hereof, failing which my clients will proceed with the said transaction complying with all legal formalities.

:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No.1 to 14, Carved out of property bearing converted Sy.No.23/3 measuring 0-36 guntas and 23/4 measuring 2 acre 33 guntas, converted for residential usage vide Official Memorandum No.ALN/N/SR/12/05-06 dt.21.04.2005 and Official Memorandum No.ALN/N/SR/45/05-06 dt.04.05.2005, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Dist., situate at Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Bengaluru, having khata No.313/23/3 & 23/4 and khata No.314/23/3 & 23/4and bounded on the:-

East by : Road, West by : Property of Krishnappa,
North by : Site No.15, South by : Road.

N.Dinakar, Advocate,
6A, Ravish Complex, No.169, Armstrong Road,
Veerapillai Street Cross, Bengaluru-560 001. Ph: 98458 48777
Email:adv.dinakar@gmail.com

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
	Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.			
1	Road ID 41 (Kothuval to Sabhapathi Kovil Street Road)	2023_SCTLT_550644_3	Rs. 4,57,70,352/-	4-Sept-2023
2	Road ID 43 (Marakkada Road)	2023_SCTLT_550815_4	Rs. 2,29,11,634/-	4-Sept-2023
3	Road ID 44 (Pazhayasalai Street)	2023_SCTLT_550949_2	Rs. 4,50,51,533/-	4-Sept-2023
4	Road ID 178 (Vivekananda Nagar Road)	2023_SCTLT_551354_3	Rs. 1,47,13,233/-	4-Sept-2023
5	Road ID 100 (Justice Sankaranarayana Street)	2023_SCTLT_551252_4	Rs. 2,64,00,214/-	4-Sept-2023
6	Road ID 27 (Thycaud Police Ground Road)	2023_SCTLT_551769_2	Rs. 3,35,40,343/-	4-Sept-2023
7	Road ID 185 (MRT Road)	2023_SCTLT_552621_4	Rs. 1,66,77,152/-	4-Sept-2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in,

(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCLAMATION OF SALE (Under Order XXI Rule 66)

Execution Petition bearing E.A. No. 50/2022 is pending before the Hon'ble State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Bangalore (Principal Bench) arising out of the Complaint bearing C.C. No. 31/2021 seeking for refund with interest, compensation and costs decided by the same Hon'ble Authority vide Order dated 18.01.2022 in which Mrs. Mridula Manu and Mr. Sanjith Kuttan were Complainants and M/s. LGCL Properties Pvt. Ltd. and Axis Bank Ltd. were Opposite Parties.

Notice is hereby given that, under Rule 64 of Order XXI of the Code Of Civil Procedure, 1908, an Order has been passed by the Hon'ble State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Bangalore (Principal Bench) in E.A. No. 50/2022 for the sale of the property mentioned in the annexed Schedule, in satisfaction of the claims of the Complainants in the Complaint bearing C.C. No. 31/2021, which amounts to **Rs. 1,48,12,174/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Eight Lakhs Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Four Only)** as on 06.06.2023 along with future interest till the date of realization.

The sale will be by public action, and the property will be put up for sale in the lot specified in the Schedule. The sale will be of the property of M/s. LGCL Properties Pvt. Ltd. as mentioned in the Schedule below; and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far they have been ascertained, are those specified in the Schedule against the lot.

In the absence of any order of postponement, the sale will be held by the Court Commissioner, Mr. Ravishankar, Advocate vide public auction at **10 O'clock in the Morning on Friday, 22.09.2023 at the property address mentioned in the Schedule.**

At the sale, the public generally are invited to bid, either personally or by duly authorized agent. No bid by, or on behalf of, the Complainants or Opposite Parties above mentioned or their legal representatives, however will be accepted, nor will any sale to them be valid without the express permission of the Commission previously given. The following are the further:

Conditions of Sale

1. The particulars specified in the Schedule below have been stated to the best of the information of the Commission, but the Commission will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.
2. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be determined by the officer conducting the sale. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction.
3. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot, provided always that the he is legally qualified to bid, and provided that it shall be in the discretion of the Commission or officer holding the sale to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it advisable to do so.
4. For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the officer conducting the sale to adjourn it subject always to the provisions of Rule 69 of Order XXI.
5. The person declared to be the purchaser shall pay immediately after such declaration a deposit of 25 percent on the amount of his purchase money by way of Demand Draft in favour of Registrar, KSCDRC, Blore and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again and re-sold.
6. The full amount of the purchase money shall be paid by the purchaser before the Commission closes on the fifteenth day after the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the fifteenth day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the fifteenth day.
7. In the default of payment of the balance of purchase money within the period allowed, the property shall be re-sold after the issue of a fresh notification of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the Commission thinks fit, be forfeited to Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claim to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.
8. The property is being sold in an "as is where is" condition.
9. The Base Price for the public auction of the property shall be **Rs. 1,50,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakhs Only).**

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, **this 18th day of August, 2023 at Bangalore**

Schedule of Property

Number of Lot	Description of property to be sold, with the name of each Owner where there are more than one	The revenue assessed upon the estate or part of the estate, if the property to be sold is an interest in an estate or a part of an estate paying revenue to Government	Details of any encumbrances to which the property is liable
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Row House No. 12 along with the undivided share being sold in the present auction is owned by M/s. LGCL Properties Pvt. Ltd. Description of the Larger Extent on which the Row House being sold is constructed All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands bearing (1) Survey No. 36/2 measuring 37 Guntas, (2) Survey No. 36/3 measuring 18.7 Guntas, (3) Survey No. 40/2 measuring 1 acre 00.3 Guntas and (4) Survey No. 36/4 measuring 1 Acre 3 Guntas, measuring in total 3 Acres 19 Guntas, all situated at Naganathapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on the: **East by:** Land bearing Survey No. 35, remaining portion of Survey No. 36/3 and land bearing Survey No. 40/1, **West by :** Land bearing Survey Nos. 35/1, 39 and 41, **North by :** Land bearing survey No. 40/1, **South by:** Remaining portion of Survey No. 36/3 and Doddanagamangala Village border and Road Description of the Undivided Share being sold in the present auction 2,716.13 Square Feet of undivided share in the Larger Extent fully mentioned and described herein above. Description of the Row House being sold in the present auction A Row House bearing No. 12 in the residential complex known as "LGCL Pueblo" constructed on the Larger Extent fully mentioned and described herein above and having a super built-up area of 2652 Square Feet with exclusive right to use 750 Square Feet of Terrace Area and 446.71 Square Feet of Garden Area and bounded on the: **East by :** Road **West by :** Civic Amenity Land and Boundary, **North by :** Civic Amenity Play Area, **South by:** Row House No. 11	NA	NA

Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value	The value of the property as stated by the Decree Holders in E.A. No. 50/2022	The value of the property as stated by Judgment Debtor No. 1 in E.A. No. 50/2022
(5)	(6)	(7)
Lot 1: Construction of Row House No. 12 left incomplete since 2019 by M/s. LGCL Properties Pvt. Ltd. and the "LGCL Pueblo" project has been handed over to "The Pueblo Villa Owners Co-operative Society (Registered)" to complete the construction of the project vide the Order dated 26.08.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bangalore under Section 8 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016	**Rs. 1,50,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakhs Only)	**Rs. 40,000/-** per Sq. Mtr. which comes to Rs. 1,43,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Three Lakhs Only)

Ravishankar,
Advocate & Court Commissioner,
No. B12-99, Alur BDA Flats Type-3, Nagarur Colony,
Dasanapura Hobli, Nelamangala Tq. Bangalore Rural – 562123.
Mob: +91 9886386957, E-mail: ravishankar1412@gmail.com

Place: Bengaluru
Dated: 26-08-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is brought to the notice of General Public as per the instructions given by our clients that our client **Sri Devaraja .D,** S/o. Dyamaiah. propose to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from **Smt. Susheela** W/o. Udaya. Hence any person other than financial creditors having any right, title, interest or claim of any kind shall contact to our Advocate undersigned in writing within 7 days from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims and my client proceeds to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : Property Assessment No. 38/2 and 44, in Khatha No. 3, Site No. 25, Situated at Karihobanahalli Village, Yashawanthapura Hobali, Bangalore North Taluk. Earlier under BBMP Ward No. 40 and together with Measuring : East to West : 30-0 (Thirty) ft, North to South : 40-0 (Fourty) ft Total Measuring 1200 Sq.ft. and Vacant Site in Boundary and Property Bounded on : **East by :** Property of No. 26, **West by :** Property of No. 24, **North by :** Property of No. 18, **South by :** Road.

R. SATHEESH, BA.LLB
No. 27, Thoppemudaliar Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore - 560001, Mob : 9845808350

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are informed that, my client **G. Harish** is the absolute owner of all that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Katha No. 186, Khaneshumari No. 16, situated at Thigalarapalya Village, Karivobanahalli, Yeshavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 30 feet in total measuring 1200 Sq. feet and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No. 21, **North by:** Site No. 15, **South by:** Site No. 17, inform the general public that he is intent to mortgage the said property in favour of M/s PIRAMAL CAPITAL AND HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED and anyone having any claim over the said property or any other claims by any person/s Nationalized banks, MNC Banks Private Banks, Co-Operative Banks any Financial institutions Governed by the RBI Rules may lodge their objections in writing within **07 days** from this day to the under mentioned Advocate.

KSR Associates
ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS
OFFICE# 53/1, 1th Floor, Guttahalli Main Road, D.T. Street, 8th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003, Email: raviksadvocate@gmail.com
Mobile: 99450 00789

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, Vivaswath Rao S/o Basuthkar Jagadeeshwar Rao, R/o: H.No: 72, Ground Floor, 1st Main Road, Amarjyothi Layout, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560094, changed my name to Vivaswath Rao, Dtd. 25-08-2023 before Notary & Advocate V.V. Radha Krishna (15-22-026/2011) Regd. No.2527.

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public are hereby informed that I, **SANDEEPA. N,** R/at : Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, Samaikyaa's KK Veni Plaza, B.Narayanapura, Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore-560016, has lost the original documents viz., **1) original Registered cancellation of agreement dated 21/11/2015, bearing No.7376/2015-16. and 2) Registered original confirmation deed dated 28-03-2018 bearing no.10829/2017-18**

executed by Maajan & Others., in favour of Sri.A.Jagan Mohan Reddy confirming registered sale deed bearing No.9006/2012-13 for Sy.No.42/1, measuring 01 acre 30 guntas, sy.NO.42/4, measuring 22 gutnas and Sy.No.43/1, measuring 12 guntas **A Complaint is lodged in Police on dated 24.08.2023.Lost Report No.0699144/2023,** If anybody found the said document **please contact this No.8748077726 - 9900007938.**

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is information to the General Public that my clients are intend to purchase of Schedule property from its owners **B.N.Vasudeva, Son of B.N.Narasimhaiah and S.S.Sowmya, Wife of B.N.Vasudeva,** Both residing at No.1042, First Floor, 20th Main Road, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. If anybody having any right, share, claim or objection to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents, **within 10 days** from the date of this publication to the purchaser's advocate at below mentioned address, failing which my clients will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for registration of the sale deed in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Vacant **Site bearing Nos.55 & 56,** old Khatha No.98, as per Talagattapura Group Panchayath Khatha No.241, Assessment No.1, Situated at **Uttarahalli Manavartekaval Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** Presently Comes Under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore, having BBMP Khatha No.341/98/55 & 56 and Ward No.198 and bounded on the:

East by : Road, West by : Site Nos.41 & 42, North by : Site Nos.37 & 38, South by : Site No.54.

MEASURING:
EAST TO WEST : 50 FEET,
NORTH TO SOUTH : 66 FEET,
IN ALL MEASURING : 3300 SQUARE FEET.

R.R.Upadhya, Advocate
RAVISHANKAR ASSOCIATES,
#92, 2nd Main Road, Between 7th & 8th Cross, Chamrajpet, Bangalore -18 Mob: 9241102941

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant Residential property Residential property bearing Site No.335, in the layout formed by the Vyalikaval House Building Co-operative Society limited, in the layout Plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority in land bearing Survey Nos.24/5, 24/6, 24/7A, 24/7B, 24/8, 25, 26/1, 26/2, 26/3B, 33/1, 34/1, 34/2, 35/1, 35/3, 35/4, 35/5, 35/6, 35/7, 35/8, 35/9, 37/2 , 37/3, 37/6, 38/1, 48/1B, 49/3, 50/4, 51/2, 52/1, 76/3A, 76/3B, 77/3, 77/4, 77/5, 77/6, 77/7, 78/2,78/6, 79, 81/1, 85/8, 86, 87/1, 87/2A, 87/2B, 87/2C, 87/2D, 87/3, 87/4, and 88/5 Situated at Nagawara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore now comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Limits, BBMP Khatha No.306/335 and layout plan got approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, Vide its Resolution bearing No.156/2003, Dated 12-09-2003 and the work order bearing No.BDA/TPM/PL-32/1685/03-04, Dated 30-09-03, measuring East to West 50 feet or 15.24 Mtrs, and North to South 30 feet or 9.14 Mtrs in all measuring 1500 Square feet or 139.29 Sq.mtrs. and Constructed Stilt Floor, Ground Floor Plus 5 Upper Floors, and Terrace Floor, RCC Roofed Building. And bounded on the: East by Site No.323, West by Road, North by Site No.334, and South by Site No.336

Sd/- G. V. Anjaneya Gowda,
Advocate & consultant,
#250, White City Layout, Seegehalli Village, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560049
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		CEILING CREW ROOM MOUNTING FOR LHB POWERCAR COACHES	39 Set	
		VESTIBULE CEILING MOUNTING FOR LHB AC CHAIR CAR COACHES	31 Set	
2.	12231331 22.09.2023	ALUMINIUM PROFILE L=5000 MM	11130 Kg	1,77,680/-
		ALUMINIUM PROFILE L=2350 MM	6950 Kg	
		AL.PROFILE	8493 Kg	
3.	12231142A 20.09.2023	WATER TANK ASSEMBLY (THERMAL INSULATION) 685 LITRES L.H. &

Delay in disposing of mercy plea, man's sentence reduced

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has commuted the death sentence of Saibanna Ningappa Natikar, a 70-year-old convict, on death row and has imposed life imprisonment on the grounds that there was inordinate delay in considering the mercy petition and there were no explanations for the delay. A Divisional Bench of Justice G Narendar and Justice C M Poonacha delivered the verdict on August 17, allowing the writ petition filed by Saibanna in the year 2013.

Apart from commuting the death sentence, the High Court has granted liberty to the petitioner to make an application for remission to the state government and if such application is made, the same shall be considered and disposed off on its own merits.

Saibanna, a native of Kalaburagi, had killed his first wife Malkawwa in January 1988 suspecting her fidelity. He was sent into judicial custody. The petitioner, who had come out on bail in July 1988, married Nagamma and begot a girl child. In February 1993, Saibanna was convicted for the murder of his first wife, and was sentenced for life.

When out on parole, in August 1994, suspecting the fidelity of his second wife Nagamma, he killed her and his minor daughter as well. He was then sentenced death penalty. The apex court upheld the trial court's death penalty and rejected Saibanna's appeal against the conviction and death penalty.

Saibanna then inadvertently addressed a mercy petition to the Union Government in April 2005, which was sent to be looked into by Karnataka Governor first. The returned mercy petition was rejected by the Governor in February 2007, without mentioning reasons for non consideration. Saibanna's mercy petition was rejected by the President of India in 2013.

Saibanna's counsel submitted that there was inordinate delay in disposing the mercy petition, and submitted that the petitioner has been undergoing imprisonment for more than 30 years since 1988. The counsel further submitted that Saibanna was put in solitary confinement, imposing additional suffering.

ONLY WHEN PM VISITS...

BBMP workers clear debris around the median on Old Airpot Road on Friday ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bengaluru on Saturday. "Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) fixes potholes and medians only when the Prime Minister visits," alleged activists. They criticised BBMP, terming its action as 'misplaced priorities'. RTI activist BN Veeresh said that even during the Assembly elections, the BBMP was asphalting main roads before the Prime Minister's scheduled visit, and they are doing the patch work again, only after PM's visit was confirmed. "Had it rained in the city, more roads would have exposed the BBMP's shoddy work," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Cops crack down in CBD, book 20 cases

Bengaluru: The Central Division police conducted a special drive in the Central Business District (CBD) and booked 20 different cases against several establishments and individuals for various violations. As many as 13 cases were registered under the Karnataka Police Act against commercial establishments for operating past the permitted time of 1 am. They also invoked the Prevention of Immoral Trafficking Act in two cases, one of which was against a hotel manager. The police was able to rescue a woman of foreign nationality. They also registered five other cases against individuals, including a transgender, under IPC Section 291 for creating public nuisance.

FREAK ACCIDENT

Man killed, 2 hurt as lorry crashes into eight vehicles

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A man was killed and two others sustained serious injuries in a chain of accidents, in which eight vehicles were damaged. The incident occurred in Kalyan Nagar, Banasawadi traffic police station limits, on Friday night.

The deceased has been identified as Nemaraj (37), a resident of Yelahanka who hailed from Hassan. Nemaraj was married six months ago and was working with a private firm. Muthuraj and Rajesh were the other two, who were injured in the accident.

The police said a lorry laden with construction material was coming from Hindupur to KR Puram and rammed into several vehicles in which five cars, two lorries and a bike were damaged. The bike rider Nemaraj was fatally injured, and died on the spot while Muthuraj and Rajesh, who were in a car, were injured.

Investigations revealed that the accused lorry driver Chandrashekhar was driving under the influence of alcohol and has been arrested.

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Contact Owner : K.B. MOHAN 9632771185 / 9845582839

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Tender No : Re-190/2023-24/SE/PHC/MVPA

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-JJM-CWSS to Idukki Kanjikuzhi, Vazhathope, Mariyapuram, Kamakshi, Vathikudy and Vannapuram (Part) Panchayaths in Idukki District. EMD: Rs. 500000; Tender fee: Rs. 16540; Last Date for submitting Tender: 07-09-2023, 04:00:pm, Phone: 04852835637
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle Muvattupuzha

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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• Students to apply on their respective State Scholarship Portals
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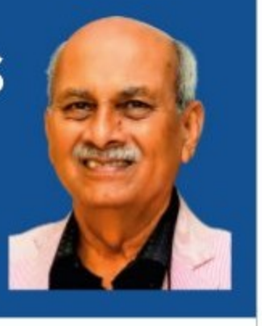

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New office-bearers were elected to the Karnataka Administrative Service Officers Association in its annual general meeting on Saturday. B Shivakumar has been appointed president and K Channabasappa has been appointed vice-president. CL Shivakumar is the new secretary while C Madan Mohan and Arathi Anand have been appointed joint secretary and treasurer respectively. Besides, 25 officers have been appointed as Executive Committee members while there are 13 special invitees

'THIS SUCCESS NOT ISOLATED, THERE IS MORE IN WAITING'

EXPRESS Dialogues

DENIAL of technology only strengthened our confidence and made us look inwards for the best and achieve great heights," said Mylaswamy Annadurai, popularly known as the Moon Man of India. The former director of ISRO Satellite Centre, in conversation with *The New Sunday Express*, said the budget management that is unique to Indians helped make low-cost satellites, which is now being given as an example by NASA to other countries. Excerpts:

What do you feel about the success of Chandrayaan-3?
Today after the success of Chandrayaan-3, it looks simple. This shows that even a complex mission can be made simple and more meaningful. This also shows that we can make much further, especially in the backdrop of the difficulty involved. We had our own way from Chandrayaan-1 onwards. Paths were the same in Chandrayaan 1, 2 and Mangalyaan. Everywhere incrementally improvements were done, which is the main essence. The Prime Minister rightly said that this achievement is beyond national boundaries and days are not far in recreating one more continent which is separated by space. It is not an isolated success and there is more in waiting.

What is Chandrayaan-3's significance for the future?
Chandrayaan-3 is the world's 70th mission to the Moon. Earlier, scientists had only explored one part of the Moon. But with Chandrayaan-3, we can scan every part of the Moon through the planetary axis. We had asked other countries if they wanted us to carry some of their instruments. Around 26 offers came. We engineered the whole mission along with six instruments from the US during Chandrayaan-1. Earlier, there was competition between nations, but India could pave the way for a collaboration among all nations.

Why had the Moon's south pole not been explored until now?
Initially, the mission was to land on the Moon at a point where it is easy. Landing at the near side of the moon is relatively simple because the terrain seems fine. Countries, including Russia, Israel, Japan and now even China, are all heading there now.

Are conditions different for landing on the south pole, as other countries attempted but failed?
The terrain is not smooth. Around the equator it is slightly better, but near the south pole it's rough and is like a mountainous region. It needs certain velocity to land, more or less would result in failure because of gravitational pull. Gravity of the Moon is yet to be discovered completely.

If water is there on the Moon, can it harbour life too?
When we carried instruments to check for water and atmosphere on the Moon, many scientists laughed and said the Moon was barren. Our instruments found that the Moon has a minute atmosphere and confirmed the presence of water. But we don't know yet if the Moon can harbour life.

Can you explain the Chandrayaan-3 mission?
We have a polarimeter that will look at Earth from the Moon's orbit. It will mimic observations of a distant exoplanet. The idea is to know how the polarimeter behaves looking at the earth. This is to pick up a signature and we can use the same to probe a variety of exoplanets to find out the presence of life. Year after year, the moon moves by a few centimetres. To know the exact shift, a retroreflector will be kept to understand the dynamics of the Moon system. The old retroreflectors have faded due to dust and other reasons. This new retroreflector can work for another 70-80 years sending light signals and helping us understand the Moon's dynamics over the years. We are also tracking the thermal conductivity. Like how we have earthquakes, the moon too has quakes and this mission will measure the seismicity around the landing site. Further, using laser pulses, there will be an analysis of the chemical composition to understand the lunar surface.

Will the rover work beyond 14 days?
The rover is designed to work for 14 Earth days (one lunar daylight) and the battery will not sustain beyond that as there will be no solar energy. However, we are making efforts to make it work beyond the said period by using the 'sleep circuit' method. In this, all the system will be switched off and in the subsequent days when it gets heated up, we will attempt to turn it on when enough heat is generated. However, we are unsure if the system will wake up.

What steps are being taken to speed up research and explore the possibilities of human settlements on the Moon?
Measures are being taken to set up the International Lunar Space Station on the Moon. In Antarctica, life cannot sustain, but some countries have created settlements there. Experiments have been made with 'inflatable habitats' (tent like structures) in Antarctica where oxygen and energy are generated using water and the same can be done on the Moon as water is available. Some work is ongoing to explore the possibilities of growing some vegetables on the Moon's soil. Further, through the media, I got to know that NASA has given a contract to Nokia to set up a cellular network on the Moon.

Are these missions polluting the environment on the moon?
Until we have an alternative fuel, there is no other option. We are talking about polluting the Moon, but we should know that the amount of pollution we are creating with conventional fuels is much higher than any pollution. We are exploring if we can use hydrogen as fuel. When this 'green hydrogen' technology is developed in a big way, we can apply it on the Moon as water is available there. Then, there will be no carbon emission. We should keep researching to find fuels that are non-polluting.

How would you define the transformation from where we were denied technology to now when we have started developing our own technologies?
Technology denial started us on the path of original thinking which made this mission possible. We keep researching to find what more is possible.

The mission has been accomplished with significantly reduced expenses compared to other nations. What strategies were employed to ensure overall cost-effectiveness?
We tried building one step over the other incrementally. With technological advancements, we can formulate and construct hardware and we have extensively done that. We also just relied on and utilised the things that we already had with us. This helped us cut development costs across all satellites. NASA has given our example to other countries.

Why is this sudden interest in the Moon? Are there any economics involved?
I think so as investments are directed toward such programmes. The Artemis may even beat Apollo's mission. Now the steps are being taken very cautiously.

Why didn't we think of bringing the lander back?
To bring a lander back, you need some more energy that needs to be produced on the Moon. So far, we are thinking of it parallel to other missions. We are trying to do it with unmanned and manned Gaganyaan missions. Originally Chandrayaan-1 was configured with a return mission, however, that idea was dropped. If Chandrayaan-2 had succeeded, Chandrayaan-3 could have been a sample return mission. Next mission it should happen.

It is said that Chandrayaan-2 did not fail. How does the world look at India now?
Two scientists will never agree with each other. If they do, science cannot grow. It all depends on how you look at it. You can say 99 per cent success and just 1 per cent failure. However, in Chandrayaan-2 we have learnt a lot despite the failure. It was a stepping stone.

Will India play a big role in the Artemis mission now that we have signed an MoU?
India will participate actively in the Artemis mission. We would have outsourced our scientists anyway, but now India itself will play a good role. Now we are being taken very seriously because of our effort in the recent mission. It's a lesson for the Western countries.

What is the next big frontier after Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan?
A couple of weeks from now, we will have Aditya L-1. We have another mission called an XPoSat Mission. The Indian Space programme is focused on societal needs. So, from that point of view, more remote sensing communication and metrological navigation satellites need to be built. Repeat missions need to be analysed and focus should be more on making these missions commercial through collaborations.

What is the next big thing? Exploration of Jupiter, other planets?
All our programmes connect to people's needs. There are two aspects – one, it's people's money, which we cannot afford to spend on open-ended studies and two, we need to have applied science. We are incrementally improving our missions and hoping that the research can help bring resources back to Earth.

Now that Chandrayaan-3 has landed, what is most important now?
The two-way communication between MOX and the rover and the condition of the instruments. We try to see the place where we landed plus a few metres away. We are looking at physical properties and it should not be a problem. But the chemical properties could have been disturbed. That's why the rover goes around, collects samples and sends information.

How far is the point of landing from the Chandrayaan-2 lander that crashed?
It is around 70-80 km. The region is the same. Even the Lunar-25 crashed about 120 km away. Depending on the location you are landing, the day of landing will change. Other than that, more or less, things are the same.

ISRO is at its peak? How do you see the leadership moving forward?
I feel fortunate to have entered there at a very young age and continue to work there. It is the island of centre of excellence. The way in which team ISRO works is unparalleled. We are not privatising the institution now only for economic factors, but also to ensure the same work environment continues in a private setup too.

Why are most scientists from South India?
A higher institutional presence in the South is a major reason why more people end up becoming scientists. However, of late the scenario has changed and more people from the North are seen taking admissions in this field.

When two countries get into a space agreement, what are the give-and-take terms?
The concept is nobody takes but everyone gains. What path Chandrayaan-1 showed is that if we had spare capacity for payloads, we asked other agencies if they wanted to collaborate and if they did it would benefit all. If they write a paper on it we co-author and vice-versa. Earlier companies pitched and the US was getting it done by paying, but now it has changed. We allowed them to make their own instruments and we said we will launch it for you. There is always an understanding. With one ground station, India cannot have 24/7 data. From our station only six hours of data is available. In the case of Chandrayaan-1, the systems gave up in six months and we sought help from NASA and European stations to help us complete the data. Instead of just six hours, we could get 24x7 data because their instruments are also onboard our system. It all comes down to ownership, and feeling a sense of association to the mission in space.

Twin-engine govt on overdrive to prove mettle ahead of LS polls

HUNDRED days is a short time to measure anyone's performance, much less to assess a government elected for five years with a thumping majority. However, initial steps indicate the pace and the direction in which the administration is headed. For now, it almost looks like a swashbuckling batsman going all out with his T20-style batting in a five-day test match.

The Siddaramaiah-DK Shivakumar government hit the ground running from day one, starting to roll out guarantee schemes that helped Congress return to power in the state and ignited hopes for its revival in other parts of the country. Of the five, three guarantees have been implemented. The fourth is scheduled to be launched on August 30, to mark the government completing 100 days in office. The fifth guarantee on providing financial assistance to unemployed graduates and diploma holders is likely to be launched by the year-end. The government has made a good beginning in terms of delivering on its promises.

The cabinet formation was done in one go without much hassle. That itself was a remarkable feat, considering how governments in the past dragged their feet, and some even kept a few berths vacant till the end.

The twin-engine government seems to be working with a clear purpose and speed to prove the effectiveness of the "Karnataka Model" of governance as Congress' efforts to put up a good show in other election-bound states as well as the 2024 Lok Sabha polls hinges on it.

The opposition's failure to quickly regroup itself has come as a blessing for the government and Congress, which is working hard to set the narrative for the LS polls. The BJP, which won 26 seats including an independent supported by it in the last Lok Sabha polls, is yet to come up with a coordinated strategy to retain its seats. Such is the confidence in the Congress camp in the state that it has set itself a target of winning 20 out of the 28 Lok Sabha seats — up from just one seat in the last election — and has started working in that direction.

On the flip side, development works have come to a standstill, there are no new big projects or initiatives and the Rs 4,000 additional cash benefit given to 48 lakh farmers under the PM Kisan Samman Yojna has been stopped. The contractors are up against the government over the delay in clearing the bills and have set a deadline of August 31, even as the government ordered multiple probes, including the demand for 40% commission during the previous BJP government and poor quality of works by contractors.

Now, as the government completes 100 days in office, the state is staring at a drought-like situation in over 120 taluks as crops face the risk of withering if there are no rains in the next few days. Though the government has started the process of declaring drought by ordering a crop survey, it needs to be prepared with a contingency plan to rush to the farmers' aid and not let the situation aggravate. The Siddaramaiah government is also facing a tough challenge of protecting the state's interest in the Cauvery water sharing issue with Tamil Nadu as the Supreme Court is hearing the Tamil Nadu plea for releasing water.

On the political front too, going on overdrive comes with a set of inherent risks. What seemingly looks like an unwanted political adventure of wooing leaders from other parties could backfire. The plan may be to add as many votes to your kitty as possible ahead of the civic body polls in the state capital and next year's LS polls, but it could create a rift within the party if new entrants get special treatment over those already in the party.

For now, the party and the government seem to be working in tandem keeping the LS polls in mind. The CM's series of meetings with the ruling party MLAs seems to have helped to end disenchantment over not getting funds for development works and the lack of coordination between the ministers and legislators. The CM and DyCM will use appointments to boards and corporations to placate some of the legislators as well as party leaders.

What is clear in the last 100 days is that Siddaramaiah 2.0 is different from his first tenure as CM from 2013 to 2018, although there is no change in his commitment to social welfare and implementing the schemes aimed at the poor and downtrodden. At that time, Siddaramaiah was the only power centre in the state and the party high command was weak. That is not the case now. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar wields a great deal of influence on the government and he is in full control of the party as KPCC president. Under Mallikarjun Kharge's leadership, the AICC will have a major say in the matters of governance as well as the party.

HDK: Cong, BJP trying to take credit for Chandrayaan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hassan

JANATA Dal (Secular) leader and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy on Saturday criticised both the Bharatiya Janata Party and Congress for competing with each other to take credit for the success of Chandrayaan-3.

Speaking to reporters here, Kumaraswamy congratulated the scientists of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for the success of the Moon mission.

Hitting out at the Congress government in the state for releasing Cauvery waters to Tamil Nadu when Karnataka itself was facing a poor south-west monsoon season, the senior JDS leader said the government had failed to protect the interests of Karnataka farmers. "I had decided not to criticise the government for a week as Congress leaders were busy making statements on Chandrayaan-3," he quipped.

The former CM said JDS will field candidates in all the 28 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka in 2024 and ruled out any possibility of pre-or post-poll alliance with any party.

On his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy contesting the Lok Sabha elections, Kumaraswamy said, "I have asked Nikhil to concentrate on movies."

On JDS legislators and leaders planning to switch to other parties, he said, "I can't restrict any MLA from quitting the party. It is their choice."

BJP netas fire at Cong from behind barricades

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CONGRESS leaders, including RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge, took a dig at BJP leaders for standing along with the public behind the security barricade to greet PM Narednra Modi while he was on the way to the ISRO office in Bengaluru to felicitate the scientists for the success of Chandrayaan-3.

The BJP leaders are in a pitiable condition as they tried hard to draw the PM's attention while standing outside the barricade, Priyank said. The Congress tweeted a photograph of Kateel and former ministers R Ashoka, Muniratna, and K Gopalaiah, and others standing with the public waving at Modi as his motorcade passed by.

"Their leadership quality was on display as they stood outside the barricade and tried hard to draw the PM's attention. I don't think the PM even identifies them," Kharge said.

"If the party high command has such a disdain for BJP state leaders, is it possible for them to appoint a Leader of Opposition?" the Congress leader questioned referring to BJP's failure to appoint the LOP in Karnataka Assembly.

BJP leaders, including Nalin Kumar Kateel and R Ashoka, wait behind barricades to greet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Priyank and Congress leader Ramesh Babu said senior BJP leaders standing behind the barricade to greet Modi is an insult to the people who voted for those leaders and to all Kannadigas.

The BJP leaders, including BJP General Secretary (Organisation) BL Santosh hit back saying it shows the fairness of PMO and humility of BJP Karnataka leaders.

"As usual, the troll party — Indian National Congress — has commented on BJP Karnataka leaders. Nothing unusual, elitist, dynastic and a party of false egos can only stoop low," the BJP leader said. "Here is a State Government where the DyCM and CM are in competition as for who will be the first to felicitate and cannot coordinate among themselves. Their party turning into a troll party is very natural. Grow up at least a little," he said.

Santosh further said that the Prime Minister's Office had requested the Chief minister and other dignitaries not be present at the airport at such early hours.

EXPRESS READ

Not suspending BPL cards of beneficiaries with cars: Muniyappa

HASSAN: The State Government never suspended BPL cards of those who have four-wheelers. There is no such proposal before the government either, said Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa here on Saturday. The State Government is negotiating with Telangana and other neighbouring states to purchase rice for the Anna Bhagya scheme, the minister added. Seven lakh BPL card holders have linked their cards with bank accounts and officials have been directed to link 14 lakh BJPL card holders. In all, three lakh people have applied for BPL cards and steps will be taken to issue them the cards soon, Muniyappa added. ENS

With the recent incidents of kidney transplantation surgeries by obtaining fake family members' certificates furnishing forged documents claiming the donor as their family members in Andhra Pradesh, an additional layer of verification was added for the revenue officials to issue permission for the no objection certificate

EXPERTS WARN OF DROUGHT IN KERALA

The government should come up with water budgeting to prevent wastage, says official

SHAINU MOHAN @T'Puram

AMID a weakening monsoon, Kerala is grappling with a significant rise in temperature, prompting the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to issue high temperature warnings for eight districts on Sunday.

In response to these warnings, the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) has advised the public to avoid direct exposure to the sun between 11 am and 3 pm.

In anticipation of a potential drought situation, experts are advocating for long-term solutions to mitigate the impending crisis. Suggestions include rainwater harvesting, water budgeting, and further research into treating gray and black water to enhance the state's preparedness.

Given the ongoing dry spell, the state executive committee of KSDMA, chaired by the chief minister, recently convened to make strategic decisions.

Former head of KSDMA, K G Thara, emphasised the impending water crisis and urged the government to take proactive measures for water conservation and establish sustainable solutions.

"Rainwater harvesting should be mandatory for all buildings and houses except for BPL families. Currently, rainwater harvesting facilities are only required for new constructions, but this practice should be revised. Bangalore city has effectively enforced this regulation, imposing hefty fines on those who do not comply. A similar approach can be adopted here, with the government imposing fines in addition to water bills," she said.

She said that the government should come up with water budgeting to prevent wastage.

Panel to probe Covid-19 'irregularities' in Karnataka

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THE State Government has constituted an inquiry commission headed by retired Judge of Karnataka High Court Justice John Michael D'Cunha to look into the allegations made by the Public Accounts Committee of the Assembly in 2021 about the purchase of medicine and equipment for fighting the Covid-19 pandemic during the previous BJP government.

A notification issued by the State Government stated that the inquiry commission constituted under the Commission of Inquiry Act 1952 will probe allegations about the purchase of medicine, equipment, and other materials by Health and Medical Education Departments and agencies working under those departments. It will also probe allegations related to oxygen management, deaths due to shortage of oxygen, among other issues.

The allegations were made in the Public Accounts Committee reports in July-August 2021. The committee was headed by HK Patil of Congress. He is now the Law Minister in the Siddaramaiah government. The committee had also accused the government of under reporting the Covid deaths.

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The notification also stated that the government expects the commission to complete the probe within three months. It will have the power to conduct the probe under the Commission of Inquiry Act 1952 and Code of Civil Procedure.

The government has directed the departments concerned to provide all necessary documents and assistance required for conducting the probe by the commission. The commission, if required can appoint an independent agency for quality tests. It will be headquartered in Bengaluru. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare Department has been directed to provide all required assistance.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had earlier stated that the government would get all major scams including alleged irregularities in the purchase of equipment during the pandemic probed.

Meanwhile, the government also issued a new notification about the probe into contractors' allegations of demand for 40 % commission to release funds during the previous BJP government. The government withdrew its earlier notification appointing the inquiry committee. The new notification stated that the inquiry commission constituted under the Commission of Inquiry Act 1952 will be headed by retired High Court judge Justice HN Nagamohan Das.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with ISRO Chairman S Somanath and the Chandrayaan-3 mission team at ISTRAC in Bengaluru on Saturday

Hebbar, Renukacharya meet Siddu

Bengaluru: Even as the BJP state leadership is putting all efforts to retain its legislators and leaders in its fold, former ministers Shivaram Hebbar, who is MLA from Yellapur, and MP Renukacharya met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday. There are murmurs in political corridors of the Congress indulging in 'Operation Hasta' to poach Opposition leaders. Hebbar, who has clarified that he will never quit the BJP, met Siddaramaiah on Friday evening and held discussions for more than an hour. Former minister and BJP MLA from Yeshwantpur ST Somashekar too had met Siddaramaiah. Meanwhile, Renukacharya, an aide of former CM BS Yediyurappa, called on Siddaramaiah on Friday. On Saturday, Renukacharya called the state BJP a ship without a rudder as the top brass is yet to appoint the Leader of Opposition and a new party state chief. Meanwhile, rumours circulated of former CM and Congress MLC Jagadish Shettar receiving a phone call from Union Home Minister Amit Shah in a bid to convince him to return to the BJP. Senior BJP leader CT Ravi said that those who quit the party would have to face the consequences. "They should be aware that they will have to sit in the last bench if they join the Congress as indicated by their president," he quipped.

Modi hails role of women space scientists

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"SUCCESS is a guarantee where there is strong will power," Modi said, while appreciating the Indian space scientists for demonstrating the same which ensured a successful landing of Chandrayaan 3 lander near the lunar south pole.

Lauding ISRO scientists in his address, Modi said the successful soft-landing near the lunar south pole — an uncharted region till Chandrayaan 3 reached there — was a "roaring announcement" of India's scientific prowess. He hailed the role women space scientists played in Chandrayaan 3's success, saying, "The country's Nari Shakti played a big role in it."

Crediting the scientists, he said, "India is on the Moon! We reached where no one else have. We did what no one else ever did. This is today's India, a fearless India, India with fighting spirit. This is an India which thinks new and thinks in novel ways, which goes to the dark zones and spreads light there. India of the 21st century has the capability of solving the world's major problems," he said while stressing that India's scientific advancement is aimed at the progress of the entire humanity. "India has lit up the dark side of the Moon. Every Indian felt the win was theirs... like we passed an important exam..."

He said India now is being recognised as a country "standing in the first row" from trade to technology, and credited ISRO with playing a pivotal role in bringing the country from the "third row" to the first. He also praised ISRO for taking "Make in India" to the Moon in the form of the Chandrayaan 3 mission which is claimed to be largely an indigenous effort.

At MOX, ISTRAC, ISRO Chairman S Somanath, while welcoming the PM, gave a run-through demonstration on the landing and rover's roll-out process. Somanath also presented Modi with the first picture recorded by Vikram lander's camera.

Modi is PM, we respect his position, says Shivakumar

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HOWEVER, senior BJP leader and former minister R Ashoka took a dig at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DyCM DK Shivakumar for not receiving Modi. Meanwhile, Shivakumar hit back stating that Ashoka's words are a testimony to the Centre and PMO not taking the latter into account. "We were ready to welcome the PM as per the protocol. But respecting the message of the PMO we did not. Let Ashoka speak after getting information from the PMO," he said.

"We got an unofficial message from the PMO that we should not receive Modi. We requested the chief secretary to write to the PMO and after that the PMO officially informed that no one, including the governor, CM and DyCM, should come to welcome the PM. Hence, we obliged. We respect the position of PM as he came to honor our scientists. We welcome him," Shivakumar said. "We don't want to behave like other states. We know how to respect the PM. Modiji is the Prime Minister of our country, we respect his position," Shivakumar said. Siddaramaiah or his office did not react. The CMO actually reserved time for CM in his tour programme to receive Modi as per protocol and waited until midnight, but in vain.

The PM thanked the state government for sending officials to receive him. Modi, who was scheduled to arrive at 5.55am, landed at 6am.

EXPRESS READ

Bodies of D'gere family to be cremated in US

DAVANAGERE: The family of Yogesh Honnal decided to not bring the bodies of Yogesh (37), his wife Prathibha (35) and their son Yash (7) back to India. They were cremated as per the Veerashiva traditions at MacNabb Funeral Home in Baltimore on Saturday. Sources said the cremation took place at IST 11 pm. Only 80 to 100 people were allowed at the cremation venue. Kannadigas in Baltimore also took part in the funeral. As per the doctor's opinion, the bodies were not fit to transport to India as they were in a decomposed state. Hence, their relatives decided to cremate them in US.

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Schedule A Property

All that piece and parcel of the House Property bearing No.106, Old Assessment No.52/1, 3 and 60/1,2,3,5, presently bearing BBMP khata No.52/1,3, and 60/1,2,3,5 / 106, situated at Thanisandra Village, Krishnarajapura, Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (earlier Bangalore south taluk, Bangalore, now within BBMP Limits, measuring East to West 40 ft., and north to south 30 ft. (Total 1200 Sq.ft., together with 7½ squares AC sheet Roofed House constructed thereon and bounded.

East by : 20ft Road
West by : Property No.115
North by : Property No.105
South by : Property No.107

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://bankeauctions.com and Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.sbi.co.in & www.tenders.gov.in .

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Tender No. SBI/ RASMECC/HOSUR/40/2023-24
Name of the title deed holder: Mrs. Kavitha Y, W/o Yesuraj

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Northern portion of site No.11. Khatha No.50/1/2, K R Puram CMC, Assessment Extract No.1620, formed in Property No. 50/1, situated in Sonnathommanahalli @ Thambuchettypallya,K R Puram Hobli, earlier Bengaluru South Tq, Presently Bengaluru East Tq, erlier under the jurisdiction of K R Puram CMC, now under the jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 40 ft., and North to South 20 ft totally measuring 800 sq ft with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

East by : Road West by: Site No.12
North by: Site No.10
South by: Remaining portion of the Site No.11.

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Tender No. SBI/ RASMECC/HOSUR/41/2023-24
Name of the title deed holder: Shri. Ramnath Thakur S/o Shri. Sarjuth Thakur

All that piece and parcel of the immovable western portion of property Residential Site No.12, Old Khatha No.189/1, formed out property No.189/1, New V.P. Khatha No.3118/12, formed out of property No.189/1, situated at Bidarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West: 22½ feet and North to South: 40 feet totally measuring 900 Square feet vide Sale Deed dated 22.10.2012 and Registered as Document No.BDH-1-04241/2012-13 and CD No.BDHD90 dated 22.10.2012 at SRO, Bidarahalli, Bengaluru, read with Gift Deed dated 26.12.2016 and Registered as Document No.HLS-1-04513/2016-17 and CD No.HSLD140 dated 26.12.2016 at SRO, Ulsoor, Bengaluru. The property is mortgaged in favour of the Bank vide Mortgage deed dated 21.07.2018 and Registered as Document No.KRI-1-03954/2018-19 and CD No.KRID626 dated 21.07.2018 at SRO, K R Pura, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

East by : Remaining portion of Same Site No.12, gifted to Sri. Jainath Thakur,
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Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

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Some people lose all respect for the lion unless he devours them instantly. There is no pleasing some people

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NEED FOR CLEAR TRADE POLICIES FOR LONG TERM GAINS

OPINION

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RECENT trends suggest a severe slowdown in the global economy, most seriously in the advanced countries. Two big economies have already entered the recession phase, technically.

The United States appeared to escape the recession but ended with a severe economic slowdown. With China also slowing down sharply, there are apprehensions that globalisation, which helped many economies to grow, appears to be showing the opposite impact. This is forcing some countries to de-globalise by introducing quantitative and qualitative restrictions or introducing/increasing import duties.

A strong believer in market economy philosophy, the US is restricting capital movement by banning US investments in China, especially in sensitive technologies like computer chips, and has introduced a licence system for investments in other technology sectors in China. These might offset the gains from globalisation most countries have benefitted from. Importantly, the situation has forced other emerging market economies to introduce restrictions to protect domestic industry from external competition.

What has worsened the de-globalisation process is the Ukraine-Russia war. It has disturbed the oil and agriculture-related markets where these countries were net exporters. Moreover, disruptions to global supply chains since Covid-19 have added additional pressure on international trade.

The WTO referred to these points in one of its recent reports, clearly suggesting the global trade slowdown could be structural and could take long recovering.

Globalisation helped India immensely--especially in services sectors where it has a comparative advantage--significantly increasing its trade/GDP ratio. A major reform was sharply reducing import duties from over 300% to under 10%. However, following current global developments, India appears to have been forced to increase import duties.

It has also banned wheat exports last year and rice recently. What surprised many was the ban on importing laptops, tablets and personal computers, which now require a Valid License for Restricted Imports. The given reasons were security concerns, increasing trade deficit with China and encouraging domestic manufacturing as part of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Do these policies help India achieve its trade objectives?

Going by experience, one could theoretically and empirically argue that such protectionist policies do not yield intended results but could lead to unintended disruptions and create supply bottlenecks for domestic production.

These policies could lead to an unintended rise in the domestic cost of production and weaken the limited competitiveness edge that some Indian companies have in the global market.

India's service sector has been competitive globally mainly due to cost and skills advantage, which is absent in manufacturing. Import restrictions and duty increases would only add to the woes of domestic manufacturing in the medium to long run (although, in the short term, it could be advantageous for a few companies).

There were arguments on the rice and wheat bans that India could use these items for strategic purposes, similar to countries using oil, technology and other products for their strategic purposes. Such policies could have huge repercussions on domestic agriculture and food processing industries, domestic food prices, and the rural economy.

However, this author feels these policies could have more to do with the expectations on production in the current year, with the risk of El Nino looming heavily on this year's food production. With the recent jump in food inflation and the expected slowdown in overall agricultural output, the government appears to have played safe to dampen any expectations of prolonged food inflationary pressures, especially in the election year.

Another issue discussed more on the international trade side is the rupee and the de-dollarisation issue. Even in the recent BRICS joint statement, the member countries appear to have pushed for trade in bilateral currencies and work for de-dollarisation. Like the other BRICS member countries, RBI has already allowed Vostro account for many foreign Russian banks to settle trade in their respective domestic currencies. De-dollarisation has been in discussion now and then; it is important to understand that even the bilateral rates are to be determined by their cross rates with the US dollar as bilateral currencies are not traded in the foreign exchange markets.

Or one may have to work out the fixed rate between the two countries in the short term. However, one clear advantage of trading in bilateral currencies is that it would reduce significantly the foreign exchange market transaction cost. However, the risks could be unknown and substantial.

To sum up, the various policies adopted on the trade side have positive intentions of enhancing domestic production, and it could lead to a reduction in the countries' potential growth.

Any uncertainty and ambiguity regarding these policies could discourage the activities of foreign and domestic investors. Instead, India needs to go for structural reforms, especially reforms of factors which make domestic manufacturing uncompetitive.

(Views are personal.)

MOON GATEWAY FOR FUTURE PLANETARY PROBES

OPINION

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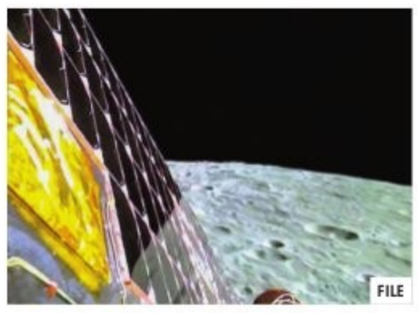
THE Indian Space Research Organisation started using space technology early, barely six years after the historic launch of Sputnik in 1957 and two years after Yuri Gagarin's flight into space, thanks to pioneers like Vikram Sarabhai, who realised the potential role of space technology in the nation's development.

India acquired the capability of going to the Moon in 1994 with a successful Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle flight. Still, it was in 1998 that ISRO started looking for new challenges and opportunities and proposed a mission to the Moon. The government sought a feasibility report from the Advisory Committee on Space (ADCOS) and constituted the Moon Mission Task Force. After nearly 50 missions to the Moon by various countries, the most challenging task was to do something scientifically new. After much thought, a Lunar Polar Orbiter was proposed to examine the hitherto unexplored lunar poles, specifically to look for water brought in by impacting comets. The report underwent a series of elaborate review processes; finally, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee approved the mission and announced it in his Independence Day speech from Red Fort in 2003. It took five years to build various instruments and the lunar vehicle indigenously, and the mission was launched on October 22, 2008. This mission changed the global outlook of space exploration from an era of competition to collaboration and cooperation by inviting many countries, including the USA and Europe, as guest investigators on board Chandrayaan-1.

The scientific outcome of the Chandrayaan-1 mission has been immense. The three concepts prevalent in the pre-Chandrayaan-1 era, based on various missions and a study of samples, were that the Moon was bone dry, volcanically dead with its volcanic activity having ceased billions of years ago, and it is tectonically inactive. These had to be revised after Chandrayaan-1 discovered enormous amounts of water as ice on the north and south poles. It also noted recent volcanic activity and tectonically unstable areas due to impact induced seismic activity. Water is a miracle molecule. It can yield hydrogen, which can be used for power generation, even to synthesise rocket fuel and generate oxygen, essential for human habitation. Chandrayaan-1 thus shifted the focus of the space community to the lunar poles.



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Taking the lead from the importance of lunar poles, in 2019, 11 years after Chandrayaan-1, ISRO embarked on Chandrayan-2, its second mission, with much improved sensors, a lander and a rover to study the chemical and mineral nature of dust in the south pole region. The orbiter has kept working well for all these years, transmitting data and photographing the Moon, but the lander, with the rover in its lap, could not accomplish a soft landing and crashed on the Moon as it approached its destination. No matter how much one anticipates the hurdles and takes care to circumvent all eventualities, failure is an inevitable part of the process. Still, it did not deter ISRO from rectifying the design of the lander and its soft landing strategy, and on July 14 this year, it launched the follow-up mission, Chandrayaan-3.

Chandrayaan 2 orbiter, still working well, provided valuable photographs of the landing site, and it also serves as a communication bridge to the Earth. On August 23, Chandrayaan-3 accomplished its technological goal of soft landing near 70 degrees South at the predesignated site, with picture-perfect descent. All mission components are in good health, so the rover has moved out on the ramp and began its operation on the nearby ground. The lander and rover are equipped with instruments to collect information on mineral and chemical composition, the thermal depth profile of the dust layer, seismic activity, and plasma environment and also carry NASA's retroreflector to accurately estimate the variation of distance of the Moon from the Earth to see if the Moon is slowly receding away from it, a few centimetres every year. Overall, it is a technologically and scientifically well-planned mission. ISRO is now looking forward to 14 days of exciting science as long as the sunlight enables the generation of power required for the instruments.

The renewed interest in exploring the Moon by various space agencies has been motivated by the realisation that the Moon has a vital role in future space exploration. The idea that the Moon can act as a gateway for planetary exploration for missions to other planets is gaining ground. One can send small instruments to many planets directly from the Earth, but the Moon's much lower gravity can be advantageous for sending big, heavy instruments or complex structures. One can assemble devices on the Moon and launch with relatively smaller rockets.

Secondly, the Earth's atmosphere is now so heavily polluted with chemicals and radiation that the far side of the Moon, protected from their influences, can serve as a much better place for astronomical studies of the cosmos. Also, the near side of the Moon offers an excellent opportunity for a meteorological laboratory to continuously monitor the Earth's weather, atmosphere, oceans and landscape. A futuristic idea of collecting Helium-3 from the lunar dust is also floating because this is the only isotope not found on the Earth. It is formed on the sun, accompanies solar wind and gets implanted in the lunar dust grains. The importance of Helium-3 lies in its potential as a fusion fuel--- a few kilos can provide clean fusion energy for the whole Earth for many years.

Given NASA's ambitious Artemis crewed missions for establishing a permanent base on the Moon and the manned mission planned by Russia, China, Japan and other countries, if ISRO wants to keep pace and play an important role in planetary exploration, three missions (effectively only two, since Chandrayaan-3 only completed the unfinished task of Chandrayan-2) in 15 years, is too few and infrequent. A sustained plan of a mission every 3-4 years will enable ISRO to remain at the forefront of lunar exploration. ISRO must also further strengthen the effective space exploration model it has developed. Since planetary exploration requires serious technical developments and scientific vision and planning, maybe an Institute entirely devoted to planetary sciences and exploration will serve them well in the long term.

(Views are personal)

ARYA POONKANNI AND THE ADVENT OF A FAITH

A COUNTRY OF MANY GODS

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IN Kerala's North Malabar, a *Kavu* [shrine] is decorated for the yearly Theyyam festival. Crowds from nearby villages made beelines for it, disregarding the hot sun, eager for the blessing of a goddess, Arya Poonkanni. The goddess arrives at the performance area with rhythmic majestic steps accompanied by an entourage of drummers. A veil covers her face. Some legends claim she is a Muslim who migrated from Arya Nadu [folk designation for North India]. According to the legend, she came to North Malabar to purchase precious stones and pearls. On the way back, her ship broke, and a Muslim sailor, Bappooran, saved her. They reached Kolatthu Nadu [North Malabar] and settled there. Her work soon increased her popularity, and she and Bappooran Poonkanni were deified in the folk realm as Theyyam.

Many Muslims also attend the performance of Arya Poonkanni, whom the goddess addresses as *"Madayi Nagarame"* [one who belongs to the city of Madayi]. Vanidas Elayavoor, in his book *Vadakkan Aithihyamala* [Translation: Garland of Legends from North (Kerala)], gives a brief dialogue between the goddess and the person who belongs to the Muslim community thus, "Cheraman Perumal secretly boarded the ship from Kodungallur and reached Panthalayini Kollam. Then to Dharmapattanam. At Dharmapattanam, he entrusted the fort of Dharmapattanam to Kolatthiri. Then Perumal travelled to Arabia, where he landed at a port called as Sahar. From Sahar, Perumal travelled to Jedda and met Mohammad Nabi [Prophet Mohammed] converted to Islam and assumed the name Tajuddin [Tāj al-Dín al-Hindí al-Malabārí]. Perumal lived there for five years and married Riziat [Rājiya], the sister of King Malik Habiyar [Malik Dinar]. Soon, Perumal wanted to return to India and spread Islam but fell ill and died. Before his death, he entrusted his followers with a letter to his successors in Kerala for permission to spread Islam. His followers came to Kodungallur and established the Cheraman Palli [Mosque] and soon spread the faith of Islam [in Kerala] establishing Pallis or Mosques at eleven sites including Madayi [Kannur District], Panthalayini [Kozhikode] etc."

Interestingly, the Theyyam performer is quoting the legend of the conversion of Cheraman Perumal into Islam from an anonymous writer originally written in Arabic, namely *Qissat Shakarwati Farmad*. "The story of an Indian king's conversion to Islam by the Prophet Muhammad and of the subsequent foundation by Arab Muslims of communities and mosques across the sovereign's former dominion in Kerala appears in various Arabic and Malayalam literary iterations. The most remarkable among them is the *Qissat Shakarwati Farmad*", writes Roxani Eleni Margariti, as an introduction to the complete text translation. The period of the events proposed by the legend is in the 7th century CE because the king meets with Prophet Mohammed. However, the authorities on Kerala history, like Padmanabha Menon and Elamkulam Kunjan Pilla, rubbish the abdication and conversion of the Malabar Monarch theory the legend proposes. Even the 16th Century Arab chronicler Zayn al-din ai-Malbari [from Ponnani, Malappuram District], in his *Tahafat-ul-Mujahidin*, dismisses the conversion theory in the lifetime of the Prophet. He further proposes that Islam came to the Malabar coast only 200 years after the life of the Prophet. Ibn Batuta refers to the settlement of Muslims in India but is silent about the emperor's conversion theory. Such an exciting incident would have added perfect spice to the dramatic chronicle of Ibn Batuta. Elamkulam Kunjan Pilla even scorns William Logan, the author of Malabar Manuel, for his endorsement of the "discovery" of the Malabar king's tomb in the city of Safar in Yemen. He further suggests that the chronicle of *Qissat Shakarwati Farmad* became popular only in the 15th century, summing up the ideas of a great monarch abdicating the throne and absconding from his kingdom, conversion of a monarch into Islam and Islam's arrival through the trade routes. However, one has to acknowledge the references provided by the text regarding the mosques on the Malabar coast; they could pre-date the mosques of North India like Quwatul Islam [Delhi] and Adhai din Jhopra [Ajmer] as the dated [1124 CE] inscription of Madayi Palli [Pazhayangadi, Kannur District] testifies.

Margariti said: "Mahabali and the Onam myth created an archetype in Kerala, that of a just king who in his disappearance sets up an order to create righteousness"

Freedman suggests that the legend is created in Malabar to distinguish and enhance the social positioning of the *Mappilas* [Malabar Muslims] from their brethren in faith from North India by depicting the first convert from Malabar as a king the Prophet himself honoured and converted. Such legends of origin and heritage are popular among Christians of Kerala and in various castes of Hinduism, linking themselves to Apostal Thomas and Parasurama.

Roxani Eleni Margariti concludes thus, "Mahabali and the Onam myth created a powerful archetype in Kerala, that of a just king who disappears, yet in disappearing establishes a lasting social order that promises to create righteousness and harmony. Various religious communities in Kerala have tapped into this mythic archetype to explain their origins. These origin legends are also useful to communities seeking to claim Kerala's geographic and social space. The Islamic origin story (is *Qissat Shakarwati Farmad*)."

What is fascinating, apart from all the controversies on the historical validity of Qissat Shakarwati Farmad and heated scholarly debates on chronology, is the performers of Arya Poonkanni Theyyam, who could hardly comprehend Arabic or English manuscripts quoting the text word to word. Was this text popular in the oral tradition and hereditarily passed on to the next generation? It looks so, as the young son of the performer is carefully listening to the rendition to recollect it perfectly when it is his time to perform.

QUOTE CORNER

We went through a lot of pain...The success of Chandrayaan-3 gives us confidence to configure missions to not only the Moon, but also Mars, perhaps, land there, maybe to Venus and other planets

S Somanath, Chairman, ISRO

Congrats to the 18-year-old Indian prodigy! On his way to the final, Praggnanandhaa beat, among others, world No 2 Hikaru Nakamura! By winning the silver medal, he also secured ticket to FIDE Candidates

International Chess Federation

By dumping the (Fukushima nuclear-contaminated) water into the ocean, Japan is spreading the risks to the rest of the world and passing an open wound onto the future generations. By doing so, Japan has turned itself into a saboteur of the ecological system and polluter of the global marine environment

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China

MAILBAG WRITE TO letters@newindianexpress.com

Water stress

Due to excessive misuse of river water by people living in the river basins all these years, more than one-fourth of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas by 2025. However, India has come up with a solution to generate water from the atmosphere by processing the moisture in the air and making clean potable water. A Bangalore-based company called Uravu Labs has come up with this phenomenal technology and this can go a long way in solving the water problem. The solution, if implemented, will not only bring good revenue to India but also quench the thirst of the world.

Noopur Baruah, Tezpur

Syllabus suggestions

Welcome to the "progressive" and "pragmatic" New Education Policy with a modern outlook and many boons to students. We suggest i) maximising objective format in textbooks, ii) online animation and audio-video classes, iii) conduct exams relevant to the syllabus covered. iv) reduce the syllabus to accommodate classes on sports and hobbies.

Madhu Nivriti P S, Secunderabad

Scientists' salaries

Madhavan Nair, former ISRO chairman, validly advocated genuine and legitimate need to hike present salaries of scientists. They never demand parity with their counterparts in western countries which are 10 times higher. This means that in order to attract highly excellent talent, adequate remuneration is critically vital. Hope the authorities will duly consider this indispensable requirement to ensure utmost quality of scientific or technological advancements in our country.

B Veerakumaran Thampi, Pattom

Generic drugs

The order by the National Medical Commission (NMC) directing doctors to prescribe only generic medicines has been put on hold following the Indian Medical Association and the Federation of Resident Doctors Association approaching the Centre and Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. The directive was issued because generic medicines cost 30 to 80 per cent cheaper than branded drugs. But doctors have asserted that the quality control of generic medicines is weak in India because of which the patients are put at risk. An impression is being created that low-cost medicine (generic medicine) does not guarantee speedy recovery of health. If it is proved that the effect of generic medicines and branded medicines is the same in respect of specific diseases, doctors should be instructed to prescribe generic medicines only.

K V Seetharamaiah, Bengaluru

Loan scam

The LDF forfeits the moral right to be critical of the ED when huge assets are being identified in raids on ex-minister and state committee member A C Moideen, embroiled in the Karuvannur Cooperative Society Bank loan scandal. This was precisely the reason why the Cooperative Banks were kept away from operation during the demonetisation days in exchanging high denomination currency notes of 2000 and 500.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Medical exam

Apropos 'Just over 10% Indian medicos studying abroad cleared screening test' (August 26). Complaints of Foreign Medical Graduates regarding PG-level questions being set for screening test and denial of revaluation should be looked into by the NMC and NBE.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Hero Praggu

This is with reference to 'Praggu takes long walks to unwind' (Aug 25). In sports, we often read, "He lost the game, but won many hearts". The expression sometimes aptly fits star players. And it did so with Indian chess prodigy R Praggnanandhaa, who lost to world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen in the tiebreaker in the FIDE Chess World Cup 2023 final at Baku.

R Sivakumar, Bengaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
I want our young generation to come forward to scientifically prove the astronomical formulas in the scriptures of India and to study them anew.

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
The foundation and vast infrastructure for science and technology created in the Nehruvian era, was done in the face of trenchant criticism, that being an extremely poor country India could ill-afford such investments.

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
May we remind BJP that Narendra Modi has not landed on the moon. Nor has BJP IT Cell produced the research behind Chandrayaan.

Centre slaps 20% export duty on parboiled rice to check price rise

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE government on Saturday imposed a 20% duty on the export of parboiled rice in order to check rising prices and ensure its availability in the domestic market. The ban comes into effect immediately, according to the finance ministry's revenue department.

Rising domestic prices of rice in an election year is a cause for concern for the government. India is the largest exporter of parboiled rice with a market share of more than 40%. Parboiled and basmati constitute a major chunk of rice exports from India.

India had exported 17.78 million tonnes (mt) of non-basmati rice, out of which 7.84 mt was parboiled rice, in 2022-23.

According to the Department of Consumer Affairs, there has been an increase of over 10% in the prices of rice in the past year and over 2% last month.

Rising international prices due to geopolitical situations and extreme climatic conditions in other rice-producing countries led to lesser production. Also, El Nino weather events, which are associated with a weaker monsoon and higher temperature in India, triggered speculation of an adverse impact on production and have led to an increase of prices in domestic market.

India experienced 6% surplus rainfall by July-end, thus helping farmers to sow paddy. But after the end of August, the total countrywide rainfall deficit had reached 7%, triggering concern among policymakers.

In July, the government had banned exports of non-basmati rice. The government said the higher price in the international market led to an increase in exports. In September 2022, the government imposed a 20% export duty to lower the price of domestic availability.

Effective till October 16

The export duty will remain effective till October 16, the Union finance ministry said in its notification. Saturday's order will not affect rice lying in customs ports with valid letters of credit (LCs) as on August 25

Morocco looks to boost bilateral trade with India

With trade crossing $4b, the two nations are strategic partners now

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

IT major HCLTech is the latest Indian company to set foot in Morocco, taking the number of Indian firms there to 37. From automobile manufacturers such as Mahindra and Tata Motors and pharma major Cipla to business conglomerate L&T and hospitality group Oberoi Hotel, India's presence is spread across the country, in Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakech and Tangier.

"India and Morocco are strategic partners and our bilateral trade has crossed $4.1 billion. India is also our largest market in Asia for phosphate exports. We are trying to fortify our ties further by introducing e-visas for Indians and also holding discussions to have direct air connectivity between our two nations," Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Morocco's Mission in Delhi, Errachid Alaoqui Mrani, told this newspaper.

India imports nearly 1.1 million tonnes of rock phosphate from Morocco which is nearly 22 per cent of India's total import of rock phosphate. In addition, India imports 1.2 million tonnes of phosphoric acid from them, which is 50 per cent of its total imports.

Among the most recent developments is Morocco appointing a defence attache in Delhi and also an official representative of the National Tourist Office of Morocco (ONMT).

The e-visa facility that Morocco has introduced for Indian tourists in July has found over 15,000 takers. India is likely to reciprocate by introducing e-visas for Moroccan tourists. Over 20,000 Indian tourists visited Morocco in 2022, and the ONMT representative hopes to see an increase in the numbers. The Moroccan Civil Aviation Department is exploring the possibility of having direct flights with India.

"The strategic partnership between Morocco and India rests on trade and investment, defense and security, cultural and people-to-people connect and tackling global challenges together," Mrani added.

SURGE IN SHIPMENTS

India -Morocco bilateral trade crosses $4.1 bn

India is Morocco's largest market in Asia for phosphate exports

INDIA IMPORTS NEARLY **1.1 MILLION** TONNES OF ROCK PHOSPHATE FROM MOROCCO

Morocco imports account for nearly 22% of India's total inbound shipments of rock phosphate

Morocco e-visa facility introduced in July has found over 15,000 takers in India

INDIA IMPORTS **1.2 MILLION** TONNES OF PHOSPHORIC ACID FROM MOROCCO, WHICH IS **50%** OF ITS TOTAL IMPORTS

OVER 20,000 INDIAN TOURISTS VISITED MOROCCO IN 2022

Number of Indian firms in Morocco 37

SCIENTISTS AT FOREFRONT

STEELY SHAKTI OF ISRO WOMEN BEHIND CHANDRAYAAN 3

SOURAV ROY

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA

SHIV Shakti is the name given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the point where Chandrayaan-3's lander Vikram touched down on the surface of the moon. The name symbolises the equal contribution of the 'rocket' men and women scientists in India's historic lunar mission.

On Saturday the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bengaluru interacted with the 120-odd women scientists of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), who had worked on the Chandrayaan-3 project. The Prime Minister lauded the key role that 'Nari Shakti' had played in taking India where no other country had gone before.

Among the women was V Brinda, the director of the Directorate of Safety, Reliability and Quality (ISRO HQ), who told TNIE that the credit for the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission must go to the entire team. She noted that women scientists did play a significant role in the mission.

NEWSMAKER

An outstanding scientist and expert in launch vehicle control and guidance systems, Brinda had been part of Chandrayaan-2 mission as well and led mission critical software design team of ISTRAC for launch vehicle and spacecraft ground support.

For Chandrayaan-3, she headed the Integrated Product Assurance Board, a key review committee, that conducted an end-to-end review of all aspects of the spacecraft, including mission design, control and guidance design and failure mode analysis of all systems to give higher management the confidence for launch clearance.

Chandrayaan-3's associate project director K Kalpana, Chandrayaan-2 project director M Vanitha and Chandrayaan-2's mission director Ritu Karidhal are also among the women scientists at ISRO who have become household names.

Vanitha and Ritu etched their names in history as the first women to spearhead a space mission in India. They both played pivotal roles in Chandrayaan-2's endeavors. Although, Chandrayaan-2's lander crashed on the Moon's surface, ISRO scientists said they deem the project a success as it transmitted invaluable data and formed the basis for the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission.

Hailing from Chennai, Vanitha is an accomplished electronics and communication systems engineer, who has overseen satellite projects. She supervised the development of hardware for Chandrayaan. Ritu, who joined ISRO in 1997, has a phenomenal track record and is often referred to as 'rocket lady'. She even played a key role in India's Mars Orbiter Mission 'Mangalyaan' as its deputy operations director. She has already won several awards like ISRO Young Scientist Award from former President APJ Abdul Kalam and ISRO Team Award for Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) in 2015. Both Vanitha and Ritu played an active role in project reviews of Chandrayaan-3.

A soft-spoken Kalpana said it was the success of Chandrayaan-3 was her happiest moment and the entire team had achieved the goal flawlessly from the day that rebuilding started after Chandrayaan-2's experience.

"It has been a breathe-in, breathe-out Chandrayaan-3 for our team. Starting from pre-configuration, all the special tests and simulations were conducted meticulously. This has been possible only because of the dedicated effort from our team," said Kalpana.

ISRO is home to several other women scientists such as Geena Varghese, Beena AP, Athula Devi, Nandhini Harinath, Shivani, Ceena Sunil, Roopa MV and Vidya, who all performed their tasks meticulously to make the nation proud.

ISRO has acknowledged that women scientists took the lead in making India's dream of landing on Moon a reality.

Many emerging women scientists that TNIE spoke to have credited what is known as the 'ISRO culture' for enabling women to shine. "Unlike before, there is an enabling and conducive atmosphere for women scientists now to make larger contributions and take on lead roles."

Endorsing the sentiment, Brinda said the representation of women in higher management in ISRO is increasing. "I can see more women scientists coming up the ranks. The current chairman of ISRO (S Somnath) is very supportive and encourages all of us to deliver their best," she said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets a BAPS delegation during the BRICS Summit at Johannesburg in South Africa | EXPRESS

MODI MEETS BAPS TEAM IN JO'BURG

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, during his trip to South Africa to attend the annual BRICS Summit, met a delegation from the socio-spiritual organisation, BAPS (Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha).

The delegation presented a 3D model, renditions, photographs and progress updates of the upcoming BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir and Cultural Complex in Johannesburg.

During the meeting, the BAPS team explained to the Prime Minister how the temple complex will serve the cultural and spiritual needs of the current and future generations. They explained that it will stand as a beacon of inspiration, service and harmony for people of all faiths and backgrounds in the Rainbow Nation.

The Prime Minister also appreciated the preservation of Indian culture and values by BAPS devotees over several generations and the temple's potential to further strengthen India-South Africa relations.

Following the meeting with the PM, the BAPS delegates also shared the project details and the temple's role in community-building with the attendees of the BRICS Summit, who expressed great admiration for this one-of-its-kind project in Africa.

G20 members agree to use 'culture' as tool to tackle challenges

PARVEZ SULTAN @ Varanasi

TERMING the eight-month long discussions held by the Culture Working Group (CWG) of G20 countries under India's presidency as "inclusive and collaborative", Union Minister for Culture, G Kishan Reddy, on Saturday announced that almost all points in the outcome document have found unanimous consensus.

The four prominent priorities that were added to the document are 'protection and restitution of cultural property', 'harnessing living heritage for a sustainable future', 'promotion of cultural and creative industries and creative economy' and 'leveraging digital technologies for the protection and promotion of cultural heritage'.

According to officials of the culture ministry, the members have agreed to harness the transformative power of culture to address multifaceted development challenges such as climate change, rising inequalities and the impact of digital transformation.

"Through our combined wisdom and shared responsibility, we can transform the challenges that lie before us into opportunities, raising the profile of culture within our public policies, while consolidating the positioning of culture as an engine for sustainable and inclusive development," said Reddy at the culmination of G20 Culture Ministers' meeting held in Varanasi on Saturday.

The minister suggested that the outcome document be named 'Kashi Culture Pathway', which was agreed upon by the members. Reddy also released a special edition stamp to commemorate the culture working group's hallmark campaign 'Culture Unites All'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also addressed the meeting through a video message. Referring to restitution of cultural properties, Modi on Saturday said that the tangible heritage is not only of material value but it is also the history and identity of a nation.

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Major increase in minor irrigation schemes

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE sixth census of minor irrigation schemes shows that there has been a substantial increase in the number of such schemes as compared to the fifth round of census conducted in 2013-14. A major share of minor irrigation schemes belonged to the private sector.

The minor irrigation census is important for effective planning and policy making. So far, six censuses have been conducted with reference years of 1986-87, 1993-94, 2000-01, 2006-07, 2013-14 and 2017-18.

The Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation on Saturday released the report on the sixth census on minor irrigation schemes.

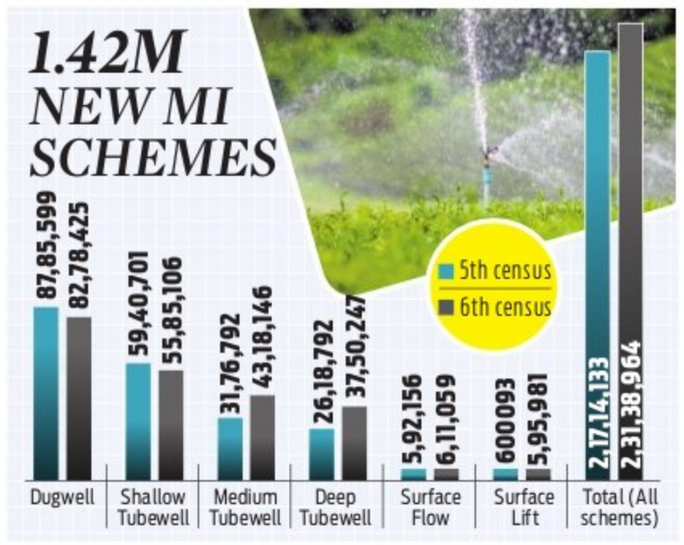
There has been an increase of about 1.42 million in minor irrigation schemes than in the previous census. At the national level, both groundwater and surface water schemes have increased by 6.9 per cent and 1.2 per cent, respectively.

The minor irrigation schemes include groundwater schemes and surface water schemes. The groundwater schemes comprise dugwells, shallow tube wells, medium tube wells and deep tube wells, while the surface water schemes comprise surface flow and surface lift schemes.

The census shows that 23.14 million minor irrigation schemes have been reported in the country, out of which 21.93 million (94.8 per cent) are groundwater and 1.21 million (5.2 per cent) are surface water schemes. The census shows that Uttar Pradesh possesses the largest number of minor irrigation schemes, followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Dug wells have the highest share in minor irrigation schemes, followed by shallow tube wells, medium tube wells and deep tube wells.

A majority of minor irrigation schemes (96.6 per cent) are under private ownership. In ground water schemes, the share of private entities in the ownership is 98.3 per cent whereas in surface water schemes the respective share is 64.2 per cent.



Myths, hesitancy behind low rate of adult immunisation, reveals survey

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

MYTHS and vaccine hesitancy is the primary reason for the low adoption of adult vaccination in the country, according to a survey by the Association of Physicians of India (API), a professional body of consultant physicians in India.

This is despite most ageing adults, their caregivers and even their doctors surveyed in 16 cities know the importance of adult immunisation. Still, only a few take the necessary action, the survey said.

For the study, around 1,950 adults above the age of 50; 409 caregivers including their children and spouses, and 345 doctors were surveyed.

The doctors surveyed agreed that there was increased awareness about adult vaccination, which soared post-Covid, but patients' concerns about the safety and efficacy of vaccines have also increased.

SURVEY FINDS

50% of ageing adults were concerned about being dependent on vaccines

43% said they feared needles

43% of ageing adults said they did not need adult vaccines since they were not at the risk of falling ill

56% believed disease exposure would boost better immunity

The API-Ipsos 'India Adult Immunisation Survey - Awareness to Action' was conducted to understand the awareness, uptake, barriers and triggers of adult vaccination in India. Ipsos is one of the most extensive market research and polling companies globally.

The survey revealed the gaps India needs to fill to encourage universal adult immunisation, particularly for adults aged 50 and above. It survey said a substantial number of ageing adults (50 per cent) expressed concern about being dependent on vaccines, and 43 per cent said they feared needles.

While 43 per cent of ageing adults stated they did not think they needed adult vaccines because they were not at the risk of falling ill. About 56 per cent believed better immunity could be developed through disease exposure. About 58 per cent ageing adults and 62 per cent of the caregivers felt that there were better ways for protection from disease than vaccination.

ARMY CAMP

Over 1,000 people with disabilities were provided with facilities by the Indian Army and a community service group in a joint camp for the empowerment of the specially-abled in Jammu and Kashmir.

02 NAXALS SURRENDER IN SUKMA, CHHATTISGARH

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	26	Mumbai	31	27
Bhopal	29	23	Panaji	30	26
Jaipur	32	25	Patna	34	27
Amritsar	36	27	Lucknow	35	27
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	31	26	Imphal	28	22
Srinagar	32	17	Chandigarh	34	27

■ BJP attempts to counter anti-incumbency factor in MP ■ In Punjab, Mann steps up attack, dares Guv to contest polls from Rajasthan

Chouhan rejigs cabinet to balance caste equations

Book on PM released

A two-volume book, 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas,' compiling PM Narendra Modi's speeches and addresses between June 2020 and May 2021 and June 2021 and May 2022, was released by I&B Minister Anurag Thakur in Bhopal on Saturday. Highlighting how Modi's addresses have consistently served as a source of inspiration, the union minister said "Each of his speeches contains have lessons to be learned."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

AIMING to beat anti-incumbency, balance caste equations and address long-pending regional aspirations, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan expanded his three and half-year-old cabinet with three inclusions on Saturday.

The exercise is being seen among political quarters as unusual as it is happening barely three months before the Assembly polls. Among the three new ministers, two former ministers, including seven-time sitting MLA from Balaghat of Mahakoshal region, 71-year-old Gaurishankar Bisen and fourth-time MLA from Rewa seat in Baghelkhand area of Vindhya region, 59-year-old Rajendra Shukla, were sworn in as cabinet ministers by the state's Governor Mangubhai C Patel.

Six days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah defined "dynastic politics" as ownership of a party or government by a "single family" and added that fielding of "competent kin" of existing or past politicians as BJP candidates in polls "wasn't politics of dynasty", the MP CM inducted former CM and ex-union minister Uma Bharti's first-time MLA nephew from Bundelkhand region Rahul Singh Lodhi as a Minister of State.

Among the three new inductees, while Bisen and Lodhi belong to the powerful OBC segment, which comprises around half of the state's voters, Shukla is a powerful Brahmin leader from the Vindhya region, which was the saffron party's lone bright spot in the 2018 elections.

While Bisen hails from Powar caste (which has strong presence on seats of the Mahakoshal region neighbouring Maharashtra), Lodhi is from the most powerful Lodhi caste of Bundelkhand, central MP and some pockets of the Gwalior-Chambal region.

After Saturday's cabinet rejig, the 34-strong council of ministers, now has 13 OBC ministers, 12 ministers from the upper caste (3 Brahmins, 8 Thakurs and One Kshatriya), four tribals, three from scheduled caste and one each from the Sikh and Jain community.

Making light of Saturday's cabinet rejig, the state Congress chief Kamal Nath said, "Cabinet expansion in the last days of the present regime is like a welcome song at the time of farewell."

Mann slams Purohit, says he's 'lurching for power'

Through letters, I can smell that the Governor is hungry for power as he is feeling politically irrelevant now. Did he write letter for imposing President's rule after Nuh riots?

Bhagwant Mann, Punjab CM

'Centre's puppet'

Bhagwant Mann alleged that the Governors in the non-BJP ruled states like Delhi, West Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, are acting as "puppets" of the Union government to create unwanted hindrances.

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

RESPONDING to Punjab Governor Banwari Lal Purohit's warning of recommending the President's rule if he "keeps sitting" on his letters, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday said the Governor is "lurching for power" and advice him to contest elections from his home state — Rajasthan—due this year.

"Through letters, I can smell that the Governor is hungry for power as he is feeling politically irrelevant now," the chief minister alleged during a presser.

Mann said he will neither succumb to such threats nor compromise with the interests of his state.

According to the Governor, the chief minister has not yet replied to his letters and queries about the steps taken by him to curb the drug menace.

If Mann still fails to reply, he may send a report to the President under Article 356 of "failure of constitutional mechanism" in the state, Purohit warned on Thursday.

Mann said that he has been consistently responding to the Governor's correspondence by already replying to nine of the total 16 letters. Responses to the remaining letters will be dispatched shortly, he added.

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Highlighting the communal violence in Manipur and Haryana's Nuh, Mann questioned, "Did the Haryana Governor write any letter for imposing President's rule after Nuh riots? What happened in Manipur? Did the Governor give any statements?"

Over the functioning of the Raj Bhawan, Mann said six bills were passed in the Assembly in over a year and a half, but the Governor has not given his assent to any of them.

Regarding the Panjab University issue, Mann said that the Governor was consistently "favouring Haryana" while as the administrator of Chandigarh, Purohit removed the SSP of the Punjab cadre posted in Chandigarh overnight, depriving Punjab of the coveted post for six months.

AHMEDABAD DIARY

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System to track requests by legislators put in place

Recently, state government's decision has sparked a debate on the mandatory saving of the number of elected representatives to bureaucrats. On one hand, leaders claimed that officials were not returning their calls, therefore issues in their areas remained unaddressed. However, sources said that the leaders call them more for their own work rather than the public's. In this cycle of accusations and counter-accusations, sources associated with the Gandhinagar Secretariat are now saying the government has set up a system to keep track of what kind of work is requested by elected representatives. They claimed a system has also been put up to create a full report on work recommended by representatives.

Discontent in state unit of Congress over list

Discontent among Gujarat Congress leaders has deepened. The party revealed a working committee list a few days ago wherein three Gujarat politicians were included. Deepak Babria in charge of Delhi, Lalji Desai of the Congress Seva Dal, and former Gujarat Congress President Jagdish Thakor were among those chosen. According to a senior Congress leader, "No one in the party was surprised by the two names, but Thakor, under whose leadership the Gujarat Congress performed the worst, coming down from 70 seats in Gujarat to 17 seats in his leader ship, has surprised many."

AAP officeholder resigns, joins Congress

Amid speculation over an alliance between the AAP and the Congress in Gujarat, AAP leader in Gujarat Bhemabhai Chaudhary resigned as vice-president of the State unit and joined the Congress alongside his supporters and local leaders. Chaudhary had been with the AAP since its inception on the condition of anonymity Congress leader said "I don't know who forced the AAP president in Gujarat to announce Congress and AAP will contest upcoming Loksbha elections in alliance, but the way AAP leaders are joining the Congress, there are clear indications from state."

Tender scam: ED seizes assets of Punjab Cong leader, others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized assets and deposits worth more than ₹6 crore of former Punjab cabinet minister and presently working president of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) Bharat Bhushan Ashu and some others related to him in a money-laundering case probe linked to an alleged tender scam.

The raids were launched on August 24 at 25 places in Punjab including Ludhiana where Ashu lives. In a statement, the federal agency stated that ₹4.81 crore kept in multiple bank accounts of the searched persons, prima facie identified as proceeds of crime, were frozen apart from five immovable properties worth about ₹1.54 crore along with four bank lockers. "Incriminating documents, digital devices and around ₹30 lakh were seized from many premises," it said.

The money-laundering investigation by ED started when Punjab Vigilance Bureau registered a case against Ashu related to the transportation and labour cartage policy, 2021 and complaints related to an LIT scam.

Shah hits out at Gehlot over 'red diary', calls rally disruptors as CM's men

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday hit out at the Gehlot government over the controversial 'red diary' contents and dared the CM to join the electoral battlefield and face the consequences.

Shah continued his speech amid slogan-shouting by a section of the crowd gathered at his rally in Gangapur on Saturday. He expressed his displeasure from the podium, accusing Congress CM Ashok Gehlot of having dispatched a group of individuals to disturb his speech.

Shah referred to the Red Diary controversy and said: "I've come here to tell Gehlot sahab that deploying a handful of slogan-raising people won't work. If you have any sense of honour, resign over the Red Diary matter."

He said "dark deeds" were hidden inside the red diary. "There are details of corruption worth crores of rupees in that diary. I didn't intend to engage in politics over this matter. However, circumstances forced my hand," Shah said.

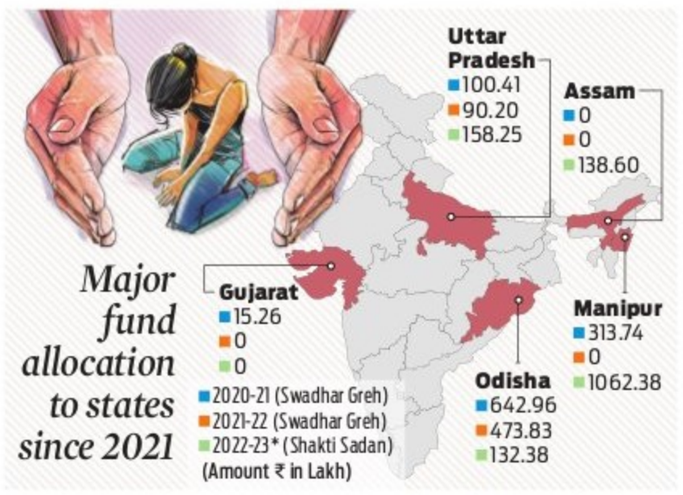
The red diary is widely believed to contain information about alleged corrupt dealings by the Gehlot government over the past four years, as disclosed by Gehlot's former minister Rajendra Gudha.

Protesters in the rally voiced their discontent against the Centre's handling of the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), which is aimed at providing drinking water to 13 districts in eastern Rajasthan. It has faced delays in implementation, sparking anger among the people in the region.

Shah criticised the Congress government's track record on farmer support, highlighting the BJP's initiatives aimed at their welfare. He highlighted the direct financial assistance of ₹6,000 provided to each farmer by the Centre, and the increase in the agricultural budget under PM Narendra Modi.

No funds under Swadhar Greh Scheme for Gujarat in 2 years

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad



THE Central government had launched Swadhar Greh Scheme, an integrated relief and rehabilitation scheme for women in distress situations and difficult circumstances. Under the scheme, women are provided with shelter, food, clothing, counseling, primary health facilities, vocational training, other daily requirements, etc. However, not a single rupee has been allocated to Gujarat in the past two years under Swadhar Greh Scheme.

In response to a question from MP Sanjay Raut in the Rajya Sabha on August 2, the Women and Child Development Department stated, Swadhar Greh - for women in difficult circumstances - and Ujjawala Home - for trafficking prevention - have been merged and renamed 'Shakti Sadan'. The reply also contained information on how much money has been given under the scheme to different states in the last three years.

₹15.26 lakh was allocated to Gujarat under the 'Swadhar Greh' scheme in 2020-21, but no fund was allocated in 2021-22, the year the name of the scheme was changed to 'Shakti Sadan'.

In 2022-23, Gujarat received zero funding. Women's rights groups have accused the government of being insensitive by failing to allocate funds under 'Swadhar Greh Scheme'.

"First and foremost, we don't know whether the scheme has been merged or a new name has been given, the government may now feel that Gujarat is a very developed state, so the women here do not deserve any such scheme, so it may be possible that no funds will be sought," 'said All-India Mahila Sanskrutik Organisation's Gujarat Convenor Meenakshi Joshi.

"As social workers, we feel that the government should establish special shelter homes for women because when women leave their families their mental health suffers, and if the wrong company is found, they can fall into the trap of trafficking. The government should make suggestions to the centre for funds under 'Swadhar Greh Scheme,' she added. When this daily contacted, Gujarat's women and child development officials declined to comment.

FRAUDSTERS AFOOT

Frame rules to regulate matrimonial sites, says HC

R SIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

FAKE DOCTOR

The man had allegedly cheated 17 women through marriage sites by pretending to be a doctor employed in the UK. He allegedly targeted older unmarried women.

DEPLORING the lack of regulations to monitor matrimonial websites, the Madras High Court has directed the State government to formulate rules to regulate these sites in order to prevent fraudsters from cheating prospective brides.

Justice RMT Teekaa Raman issued the direction while rejecting an anticipatory bail plea filed by an alleged fraudster.

"This court is of the considered view that central or state government shall take the initiative for formulation of rules governing matrimonial websites to ensure the basic information about bride or bridegroom (like age, date of birth, address) are duly verified before being uploaded in the website," he said in a recent order.

He deplored that there are no rules, regulations, or even a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), to monitor online matrimonial websites and check the authenticity of profiles hosted by either the bride or bridegroom

The judge added that measures providing for penal action for suppressing material facts, including previous marriage or divorce, must also be introduced to control such fraudsters.

"The state government shall form a committee to frame the rules for regulation in this regard as day-in and day-out criminal cases are registered on cheating," Justice Teekaa Raman stressed.

The anticipatory bail application was moved by Prasanna @ Chakravarthy, who was booked by the Kelambakkam police for allegedly cheating a woman doctor in government service by posing as a doctor on a matrimonial website. He allegedly cheated the woman of 80 sovereigns of gold jewellery and ₹16 lakh in cash, besides availing of a bank loan of ₹52 lakh through her. Although they were living together, he refused to register their marriage and defaulted on repayment of the loan. On realising he had allegedly pretended to be a doctor and swindled her by promising marriage, she lodged the complaint. The woman alleged that Prasanna had cheated 17 women through matrimonial sites, targeting older unmarried medical professionals by claiming to be a doctor in the UK.

IN THE HC

Farm crises: Dip in fox count flummoxes U'khand

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

The Red Fox found in the Himalayan region has been considered very important to control the number of wild boars, as it mainly preys on piglets, this will reduce the number of wild boars

Subodh Uniyal, Uttarakhand Forest Minister

THE Uttarakhand Forest Department has prepared a unique plan to increase the continuously declining fox population in the state. The reason behind this surprising move is the growing population of wild boar. In fact, hunting wild boar cubs is one of the fox's favorite food prey. With the increase in the fox population, the increasing population of wild boar will start decreasing and farmers will get great relief.

According to official sources, the Uttarakhand forest department is planning to deal with wild boars in their 'language' and 'traditional wild-hunting style', which have caused massive damage to farming community. Due to the increasing number of wild boars, farming is also suffering in the same proportion.

Uttarakhand Forest Minister Subodh Uniyal told this newspaper, "The forest department is going to launch 'Operation Fox' to provide relief to farmers from wild boars." Under this operation, work will be done to increase the number of extinct foxes, so that the number of wild pigs can be controlled.

"The Red Fox found in the Himalayan region has been considered very important to control the number of wild boars, as it mainly preys on piglets, this will reduce the number of wild boars," Forest Minister Subodh told this daily.

'Operation Fox' is a scheme in the state that will rid farmers of the problem of wild boars. "Though the permission to kill wild boars was earlier given to the state by the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment, it did not prove to be an effective solution. This time a foolproof measure has been taken to save the crops of the farmers", Minister Uniyal elaborated.

Chief wildlife warden Dr Sameer Sinha said, "The biggest problem for farmers in the hilly areas is monkeys and wild boars. Though a drive was launched by the Uttarakhand Forest Department to control the monkey population, which was also successful, but in the case of wild boars, we are exploring all the best options to end the threat posed by it.

"The state government worked on sterilisation for monkeys, as a result of which their number decreased by 39,000 in 2021 during the monkey census in 2015 and to 110,000 at present, from close to 149,000 in 2021. But neither the sterilisation of wild boars has been done nor any concrete solution to their population has been found," Sinha said.

Mahesh Prasad Nautiyal, Head of Chhinakholi village in Uttarkashi, told this newspaper, "The agricultural land of more than two dozen cultivators in our gram sabha has been destroyed by wild boars and we did not get even ₹1 compensation."

Russian shelling kills two civilians in Ukraine's northeast

KYIV

RUSSIAN forces struck a cafe in a key front-line area in northeastern Ukraine on Saturday, killing two civilians and wounding a third, regional officials said.

The shelling near the city of Kupiansk came as UK officials said that Russia may try to retake the area, which was captured by Kyiv in a lightning counter-offensive last September.

Russian shells on Saturday morning struck the cafe in Podoly, an eastern suburb of Kupiansk, regional governor Oleh Syniehubov said. He added that rescue teams were working at the site.

UK military intelligence on Saturday assessed that Russia may "increase the intensity of its offensive efforts" around Kupiansk and nearby Lyman in an attempt to take pressure off its forces near Bakhmut and in the Zaporizhzhia region. Earlier this month, Ukrainian authorities ordered a mandatory evacuation of nearly 12,000 civilians from 37 towns and villages around Kupiansk, citing a concerted effort by Russian troops to punch through the front line.

After the Russian occupiers left Kupiansk last year, Ukrainian authorities said they found torture chambers and mass graves in the region.

Ukrainian officials have so far reported limited advances in Kyiv's large-scale counteroffensive launched in early June, including in the southern Zaporizhzhia region and on the outskirts of Bakhmut, the eastern city that became the site of the war's longest and bloodiest battle before falling to Moscow in May.

A US-based think tank said late Friday that Ukrainian forces were pushing forward in Zaporizhzhia after taking the village of Robotyne earlier this week. The Institute for the Study of War in its latest assessment cited pro-Kremlin military bloggers expressing concern over a lack of reinforcements and troop locations in the area. *AP*

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Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client **Sri. Srinivasa V S/o Venkatappa,** is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owners Sri. K.L. Shiva Kumar S/o Sri Lingappa, if any person/s or Institution, Authority, etc., have got any right, title, claim and interest of whatsoever in nature on the Schedule Property, are hereby required to communicate the same along with supporting documents to me at my office within **SEVEN (7) DAYS** from this day. Otherwise, the Sale Transaction will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of House Property bearing Katha No.4/6, House List No.88, situated Nagadevanahally Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, which comes under Sulikere Group Panchayath, measuring East to West 30' feet and North to South 40' feet in all measuring 1200 square feet, and bounded: **East by :** Property No.89, **West by :** Private Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property No. 95.

ANAND D.B., Advocate,
office No.#11 & 13, P.V. Arcade, 2nd Floor, D No.201, Between 6th & 7th Cross, Parallel to Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.
M No: 9845100577, 9845985252.

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No: SVPISTM/TENDER/SERVICES/2023-24/01Dt. 25.08.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed and registered service providing agencies for providing various services (Unskilled, unskilled-supervisory, skilled, Highly skilled and watch & ward without arms) on Work Contract basis at Hostel, Administrative, Academic wings of SVPISTM, Coimbatore. For tender document and further details please **visit www.svpitsm.ac.in**

Last date for submission of tender document : 13.30 Hrs. on 15.09.2023.

Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. ANU PRASANNA,** aged about 33 years, D/o Late Sri J N Prasanna Simha and Late Smt Saraswathi Prasanna, residing at No 66, 3rd Block, 4th Main, Thygrajanagar, Bangalore -560028 , represents to me that the **original sale deed dated 16/10/1997** executed by Smt M.N Sharadamma in favour of Sri J.N Prasanna Simha and Smt Saraswathi Prasanna registered as document No 2008/1997-98 of Book No 1, volume No 2072 page No 124 to 130 in the office of sub registrar Jayangar, Bangalore and **Original correction of sale deed dated 29/10/1997** executed by KHB represented by secretary in favour of Smt. M.N Sharadhamma registered as document No 1999/1997-98 of Book No 1, volume No 2028 page No 46 and 47 in the office of sub registrar Jayanagar, Bangalore have been lost while cleaning the house, at Thyagarajnagar, Bangalore. In spite of best efforts the same could not be found out. In this regard my client has lodged a complaint. My client is the owner of schedule property of sale deed dated 16/10/1997 and correction of sale deed dated 29/10/1997. Hence the public are hereby notified that if anyone is in possession of the said original documents the same may be handover to the undersigned within 15 days for the date of this public notice.

BASAVARAJU .H, Advocate
A & B Law Associates
No 2720, 12th Main, 4th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore. 560011 Mob : 9611988555
Email: basavaraju.advocate@gmail.com
www.legalservicebangalore.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder written for valuable consideration from **Mrs. CHITRA MADHAVAN,** Wife of R.V. Madhavan. Any person/s having any claim or objection for the above said transaction may approach the undersigned along with documentary proof within **8 (EIGHT) days** from the date of this notice, failing which my client will go ahead with the above said transaction as if no valid and future claims will be subsisting and no one else has any manner of right, claim or interest over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property comprising of Vacant site bearing Site No. 185, situated in 14th Block, Arkavathi Layout, formed by BDA in Sy No. 82/2 of Thanisandra Village, Bangalore, Measuring: East to west : 24 Meters, North to South: 15 Meters, in all measuring 360 square meters Bounded on the: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site No. 184, **South by:** Site No. 186

KISHWAR HUSSAIN, Advocate
Unit No. 122, 1st Floor, Golden Plaza, No. 11, Jumma Masjid Road, Bangalore-560051.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder written for valuable consideration from **Mr. HARRISH THANGRAJ,** S/o late G. Thangraj & Late Mrs. V.S. Vasantha Money, SMT. NANDINI T.R, w/o Late Sri. Bharath Thangraj, YASHAAS.B.. s/o Late Sri. Bharath Thangraj. Any person/s having any claim or objection for the above said transaction may approach the undersigned along with documentary proof within **8 (EIGHT) days** from the date of this notice, failing which my client will go ahead with the above said transaction as if no valid and future claims will be subsisting and no one else has any manner of right, claim or interest over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property together with structure comprising of Ground and First Floor and a small room in Second Floor standing thereon bearing present Municipal Corporation No. 16, situated at 61h Cross, Kammanahalli Main Road, in ward No. 29, Old No. 89, PID No. 89-35-16, Bangalore (formerly Old House List. No.252. Site No. 16/3, Katha No. 174, Assessment No.2 & 7, situated at 6th Cross. 5th Main Road, Kacharakanahalli Dakhale, Kammanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli. Bangalore North Taluk), Bangalore-560084, Measuring: East to west 32 Feet. North to South 54 Feet, in all measuring 1728 Sq. feet. bounded on the: **East by:** Rajappa's Property, **West by:** Vendors Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Anthonyappa's brother Mariyappa's Vacant Site

KISHWAR HUSSAIN, Advocate
Unit No. 122, 1st Floor, Golden Plaza, No. 11, Jumma Masjid Road, Bangalore-560 051.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby notified that my client Sri.Binu Gopinath, S/o Bhargavan Gopinathan, Residing at No.1717, Manimandiram Prashanth Nagar, Near Ayyappa Temple, Community Hall T Dasarahalli, Bangalore North, Dasarahalli, Bengaluru – 560 057, intends to purchase lands morefully described in the schedule herein after from one K.Subrahmanyam, S/o K.Muniyappa, Residing at Door No.145/3, 4th Main Road, Govindrajanagara, Bengaluru – 560 040.

The owner represents that he is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule property and has freehold marketable right title and interest therein.

Apart from the above owner, if any person has any manner of right, title, interest, claim or demand in or over the Schedule Property are any part thereof, the same shall be filed with the undersigned with supporting documents within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this Notice. Any objections and or claims received after expiry of he stipulated period will not be binding on our client and our client will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities of sale transaction to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.145 measuring 2 acres& Sy.No.147 measuring 2 acres situated at Mallarabanavadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Yentiganahalli Mandala Panchayath, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bengaluru bounded as below: -

East by : Sy.No.141 land
West by : Obamma 3rd Block Land
North by : Limits of Bhavikere Village & Road
South by : Sy.no.82 of Venkataiah's Lands

Sanchan Jainandan, Advocate
No. 149, Fourth Cross, First Main, Behind Mahalakshmi Mandir, Lower Palace, Orchards Sadashivanagar, Bangalore.
Mobile: 9900244081

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Mr Ashok Jain** intends to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property belonging to **Sri. Vijay Rangaraj,** aged about 72 years, who has acquired title vide registered Gift Deed dated 05.07.2017, registered as Document no. 2209/20016-17 at the sub-registrar office, Chamarajapet, Bangalore. Any person or persons asserting any rights, titles or claim in the schedule property in any manner or the documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within **7 days (Seven days)** from the date of issuance of the Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property. The claims and objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and thereafter my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claimants/objections to the scheduled property. If at all there are any claims and objections on the said scheduled property and to notify the same, please contact Ms. Archana, Advocate at **+919740707038.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The Immovable House Property bearing New Municipal No.14 (Old No. 47/A), situated at Vani Vilas Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore 560004, Corporation ward No.50, with BBMP PID No.50-24-14 consisting of building and vacant space within the area measuring East to West 52 feet and North to south 132 Feet 6 inches and bounded as follows:

East by : House of Sri E.V.G Iyer;
West by : Property Bearing Old No.47, present No.15;
North by : Vani Vilas Road;
South by : House of Smt. Kausalyamma.

Archana B, Advocate
Trust Law, No. 29/11, 1 st Floor, Udaya Bhavana, 1 st Main, Mount Joy Road, Hanumanthnagar, Bangalore – 560019.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXIV ADDL. CITY CIVIL SESSION JUDGE AT BANGALURU (CCH-6)

EXECUTION PETITION NO. 492/2010

BETWEEN:
Mrs. Theresa Fernandes W/o Francis Ignecious Fernandes, Aged about 47 years, R/at No 38 sri nagar 6th cross 1st main prashanth nagar bangalore 560048
DECREE HOLDER

AND:
1.Sri.G.A.Munikrishnappa S/o late Appaiah Aged about 57 years, R/at No.76/56, 7th Cross, 1st Main, Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura Post, Bangalore-48. 2.Sri.Rajendra Goel, S/o Jeevanram Goel, Aged about 47 years, R/at No.1240, 24th Main Road, 25th A Cross, 2nd Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore.
JUDGEMENT DEBTORS

Cause Notice to LR's of deceased Judgment Debtors 1 (a) to 1(e) through paper publication
1 (a) Smt.M.Munirathna W/o late G.A.Munikrishnappa Aged about 70 years, 1(b) Smt.M.Sharada D/o late G.A.Munikrishnappa Aged about 50 years,
I (c)Smt.M.Manjula D/o late G.A.Munikrishnappa Aged about 44 years, 1 (d) Smt.M.Sumithra D/o late G.A.Munikrishnappa Aged about 42 years,
1 (e)Smt.M.Saraswathi D/o late G.A.Munikrishnappa Aged about 39 years, R/at No.76/56, 7 Cross, 1st Main, Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura Post Bangalore- 48
Whereas the Decree Holder has filed the suit in O.S. No. 1999/2001 before Trial Court and the same came to be Decreed by virtue of Judgment and Decree dated 6/10/2009, though the Judgment Debtor had filed RFA No.288/2011 before the Hon'ble High Court against the said Judgment and Decree. However, the Hon'ble High Court has dismissed the said appeal by virtue of the said judgment and decree dated 5/9/2022. At present the above execution petition stands posted to 26/9/2023 for appearance of Judgment Debtors 1(a) to 1(e). Hence, you are hereby given Cause Notice to appear on that day at 11.00 A.M. before the said court in person or through duly instructed advocate failing which the matter will be decided exparte.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of property bearing New No.249 of Mahadevapura, Nagara Sabhe, in Survey No.68, (old house list khata No.103/68) situated at Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura Dakhle K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 70 feet. North to South 70 feet and bounded on the EAST BY:20 ft. wide Road, WEST BY:24 ft. wide Road, NORTH BY: House Site sold to R.D.Almeida (420 feet in Northern side) SOUTH BY: Vendor's property.
Given under my hand and seal of this court dated 24th August 2023

Advocate for Decree Holder
M.U.POONACHA. Advocate, No.31, CCR, Building, Bengaluru-560 027.1st floor, P.Kalinga Rao Road

By order of the Court
Ass Registrar
City Civil Court,
Bengaluru
Bengaluru. Date 24/8/2023

LANCO HOSKOTE HIGHWAY LIMITED

Toll Plaza Admin Building, Amanidoddakere Village, Kasaba Hobli, NH-75 (Old NH-4), Hoskote-562114

PUBLIC NOTICE :

The Public is hereby informed that, User fee for the use of Highway from KM 237.700 to 318.000 of Bangalore-Hosakote-Mulbagal section of NH-75 (Old NH-4) in the state of Karnataka are revised as per approval of NHAI vide letter No. NHAI/RO-BNG/11019/2023-24/1663 Dated : 23-08-2023. The revised rates are effective from 1st September 2023. at the following Toll Plazas :-

A. Toll Fee Rates at Toll Plaza at KM 246+750 (Mulbagal for 63.600kms) NH-75 (Old NH-4)

Category of Vehicle	Fee for single Journey (in Rs.)	Fee for multiple trips within a day (in Rs.)	Fee for monthly pass Vaild for 60 Journeys within a Month (in Rs.)
Car / Jeep / Van / LMV	90	135	2720
Light Commerical Vehicle (LCV) / Mini Bus	160	240	4765
Bus / Truck	320	475	9530
Multi Axie Vehicle (>2axle) Heavy Construction Machinery or Earth Moving Equipment	510	765	15315

B. Toll Fee Rates at Toll Plaza at KM 307+700 (Hoskote for 16.124 Kms) NH-75 (Old NH-4)

Category of Vehicle	Fee for single Journey (in Rs.)	Fee for multiple trips within a day (in Rs.)	Fee for monthly pass Vaild for 60 Journeys within a Month (in Rs.)
Car / Jeep / Van / LMV	25	35	690
Light Commerical Vehicle (LCV) / Mini Bus	40	60	1210
Bus / Truck	80	120	2415
Multi Axie Vehicle (>2axle) Heavy Construction Machinery or Earth Moving Equipment	130	195	3880

The Fee Rate for Monthly Pass to local Traffic (Car / Jeep / Van) shall be Rs. 150.00 / Rs. 300.00 for the persons residing within the radius of 10 km / 10-20 km respectively from the plaza, Concessional fee for the local LCV / Truck shall be Rs. 15.00 / Rs. 25.00 respectively for each entry.

Monthly Pass for the School Buses for School Students will be Rs. 1000-00

Sd/- Authorized Signatory
Lanco Hoskote Highway Limited

Maximus ARC Limited

Registered & Corporate Office: # 59A-18/1-5A, 3rd Floor, Sri Plaza, Teachers Colony, Patamata, Vijayawada-520008.
Tel: 0866-2457733/44, e-mail: co@maximusarc.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor (Maximus ARC Limited), the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Maximus ARC Limited, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05.10.2023,** for recovery of **Rs.140,19,15,081/- (Rupees One Hundred Forty Crores Nineteen Lakhs Fifteen Thousand and Eighty-One Only)** outstanding as on 31.07.2023 with further interest, charges, costs till the date of realization due to **M/s. Maximus ARC Limited** (which debt was assigned to **M/s. Maximus ARC Limited** by Bank of India vide Assignment agreement dated 17.11.2017) from **M/s. Madanapalle Spinning Mills Limited [Borrower]** (In Liquidation as per the order dated 12.04.2019 of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in Co P.No.199/2010) and **Mr. Lakshmikant Bhandari, Mr. Gopaldas Bhandari, and M/s. Bhandari Spinning Mills Ltd. [Guarantors]. The Reserve price will be Rs.850 Lakhs for Lot - 1 and Rs.2350 Lakhs For Lot - 2.The Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs.85 Lakhs for Lot - 1 and Rs.235 Lakhs For Lot - 2.**

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Description of property

Lot No.1:- All that Plant & Machinery lying at the factory premises of Madanapalle Spinning Mills Limited and fastened to the earth located at Kothavaripalle Village, Madanapalle, Chittoor District (Old) -Annamayya District (New), Andhra Pradesh belonging to **M/s. Madanapalle Spinning Mills Limited (In Liquidation).**

Near Description of Machinery:

Particulars	Quantity
Blow Room Machinery Consisting of GBR-2No's, Axiflow-AFC, Multi Mixer-MPM, BE-Feeding Unit, Step Cleaner (SRB-6), RK-Opener, BE-Feeding Unit-2, Step Cleaner (SRS-6), RN-Opener Scutcher-2No's Make: TRUTZCHLER; TRUMACINDIA	3 Sets
Bale Opener make: KJ Engg.	2 No's
Carding Machines-LMW-LC300A	2 No's
Carding Machines-Lakshmi Rieter-LRC1/2\	8 No's
Carding Machines-DK-740	10 No's
Drawing Machine-Lakshmi Rieter DO/2S-6Nos; DO/6-4Nos	10 No's
Ring Frames-5HS; 864 Spindles; Textool	1 No's
Combing Machines-Lakshmi Rieter-2Nos; Ribbon Lap-3Nos; Sliver Lap-3Nos	8 No's
Combers-E7/4	23 No's
OE-BDA20	4 No's
Simplex-Preparatory-SPLSpeed Frames	3 No's
Speed Frames-LF1400	14 No's
Draw Frames-DO2S	6 No's
Draw Frames-LRDO6	4 No's
Ring Frames-LRG5/1; 864 Spindles; Lakshmi Rieter	15 No's
Ring Frames-LRDJ/5;420 Spindles; Lakshmi Rieter	15 No's
Carding Machines-Rieter-C1/3	23 No's
Doubling Machine-LongFrame (i) NMM-18Nos (ii) LakshmiRieter-15Nos	33 No's
Ring Frames-5HS; 864 Spindles; Textool	29 No's
Ring Frames-DJF	4 No's
Scutchers	2 No's
Drawing Machine-RSB851	7 No's
Cone Winding Machines 120 spindles, Textool	13 No's
D.G.Set-320kVA	1 Set
Chicago Pneumatic- Screw Compressor Model:CPC-75	2 Sets
OHTC	1 Set
Bundling/ Bale Press	1 No.
Reeling Machiens; Gopal Ranga	21 No's
Humidification Plants	1 Set
Workshop Machinery	1 Set
Miscellaneous Machinery	1 Set
Electrical Transformers- 3Nos, Cables, Control Panels, Controls, Stabilizers, etc.,	1 Set
Weigh Bridge	1 No.

Reserve Price: Rs.850 Lakhs; EMD: Rs.85 Lakhs

Lot-2: All that part and parcel of Industrial land admeasuring 31 acres and 80 cents in Sy.No.740/2, 744, 745/2B, and 745/2C, situated at Kothavaripalle Village, Madanapalle Mandal, Chittoor District (Old)-Annamayya District (New), Andhra Pradesh belonging to **M/s. Madanapalle Spinning Mills Ltd** (In Liquidation) and **bounded by East:** Madanapalle - Piler Road, **West:** Land in Sy.No.740/1, **South:** Land in Sy.No.740/1, **North:** Land in Sy. No.745/2A & 739.
Upon which Spinning Mill is constructed comprising of Factory Shed with AC Sheet Roof, Godowns, staff quarters and such other buildings with an aggregate built-up area of 2,55,410 Sq.ft (approximately).

Reserve Price: Rs.2350 Lakhs; EMD: Rs.235 Lakhs

Known Encumbrances, if any: Nil

Other Information:
The Official Liquidator, High Court of Karnataka vide Letter dated 27.07.2023 has advised the following admitted claims: (Amounts in Rupees)

S.No.	Name of the Creditor	Amount admitted as secured
1	Employees and Workmen PF Dues	1,03,29,586
2	Maximus ARC Limited	63,82,12,915
3	Workers 315 (Jointly by Workmen Union)	9,00,00,000 (Approx)

The e-auction is being conducted in accordance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka issued vide order dated 25.02.2021 in Company Application No.260/2019 in Company Petition No.199/2010.

On successful conclusion of the Sale, Maximus ARC Limited shall deposit workmen dues with the Official Liquidator in accordance with the provisions of Section 13(9) of SARFAESI Act 2002.

Date & Time of Inspection of the property: 12.09.2023 between 11.00 A.M to 3 P.M.

Mode of Auction: Online E-Auction through https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Last date and time for payment of EMD & Submission of bid: On or before 5 P.M on 04.10.2023

Date of E-Auction: For Lot-01, 05.10.2023, Thursday between 11 A.M to 12 Noon. For Lot-02, 05.10.2023, Thursday between 2 P.M to 3 P.M.

Bid Increment: For Lot-01: Rs.5,00,000/-. For Lot-02: Rs.10,00,000/-.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **Maximus ARC Limited** (Secured Creditor) website i.e. **www.maximusarc.com/tenders**

Date: 23.08.2023
Place: Vijayawada

Sd/- (K.Hari Krishna) Authorized Officer
Maximus ARC Limited, Mobile: 9666488000

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E -TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer, (REES, Soura & Chief Safety Commissioner), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram

E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_597297_1 PAC-Rs.2,26,21,030/-
Last date:11.09.2023 05.00pm

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in

Ref: PR /MC1 /E429/ E- Tender /2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **Mr.K.RAJU** S/o late Mr.Kariyappa Goundar, residing at No.45, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Thaverakere Main Road, Brindhavan Nagar, Bengaluru–560029. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Municipal No.2750/1597/A (BDA Site No.1597/A)** in the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), measuring East to West 17.67 Mtrs and North to South 12.19 Mtrs, in all measuring 215.39 Sq.Mtrs, with a building thereon, situated at **Hosur Sarjapura Road Layout (HSR Layout) Sector-1, Bengaluru,** within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP ward No.174-HSR Layout and bounded as follows:

East by : Road
West by : Property bearing No.1551/A
North by : Property bearing No.1597
South by : Property bearing No.1598

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
For **ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP**
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 4th Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the property bearing old No. 6, later No. 500A/6 PID No. 99-126-6 measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 43 feet and remaining portion of property bearing No. 6, later No. 500A-6 PID No. 99-126-5 measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 43 feet situate at Puttaiah Compound, 2nd Cross, Ward No. 99, Ashwat Nagar (Aramane Nagar) Bengaluru- 560 006 totally measuring 3780 sq.ft from its owners Sri. K.P. Belliappa and Smt. Divya Belliappa residing at Kunda Village, Hathur, Kodagu 571 218. In this regard our client intends to enter into Sale Agreement with the owners of the schedule property.

If any person/s, Institution/s, Bank/s etc., has/have got any right/claim or any person/s or having custody of original documents or any claim/right of whatsoever nature over the schedule property should file their objections along with necessary documents in support of their claim within **07 (seven days)** days from date of issuance of this notice. Objections will not be entertained without necessary documents as well as objections if any beyond **seven (07) days** will not be entertained/ considered.

Schedule Property

Property bearing old No. 6, later No. 500A/6 PID No. 99-126-6 measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 43 feet and remaining portion of property bearing No. 6, later No. 500A-6 PID No. 99-126-5 measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 43 feet situate at Puttaiah Compound, 2nd Cross, Ward No. 99, Ashwat Nagar (Aramane Nagar) Bengaluru- 560 006, totally measuring 3870 sq. ft and bounded as follows:

East by : Private property, West by : 30 ft Road
North by : House List No.4 South by : 25 feet Road.

D.S. Jayaraj
M/s D.S. Jayaraj & Associates, Advocates
No.22/G-8, Ground floor, Krishna Towers, III Main Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009

Date : 26.08.2023
Place: Bangalore

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (COIMBATORE DISTRICT)

Original Application No.247 of 2023

Between

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK,
BO : CIRCLE SASTRA CENTER, COIMBATORE,
Dr. Nanjappa Road,
Coimbatore - 641 018.
Rep. by its Senior Manager,
Mr.Raj Hans Kumar Singh
... Applicant

-Vs-

1. **Sam Sharon,**
Legal Heir Late.Mrs.K.L.Suguna and **Late.Mr.Yesudas.S,**
814/D, Plot No.34, Sree Devi Layout, Navadhi Village, Onnalvadi Tarifi, Venkatesapuram B.O., Hosur, Krishnagiri-635 109.
Also at :
79, Behind Poornaprajana School, Nakshatra Layout, Byrathi Bende, Bangalore, Karnataka-560077.
2. **Moses Thomas,**
Legal Heir Late.Mrs.K.L.Suguna and **Late.Mr.Yesudas.S,**
814/D, Plot No.34, Sree Devi Layout, Navadhi Village, Onnalvadi Tarifi, Venkatesapuram B.O., Hosur, Krishnagiri-635 109.
Also at :
79, Behind Poornaprajana School, Nakshatra Layout, Byrathi Bende, Bangalore, Karnataka-560077.
3. **M/s. Dass Contractors,**
Represented by its Proprietrix Late.Suguna,
79, Behind, Poornaprajana School, Nakshatra Layout, Byrathi Bende, Bangalore, Karnataka-560077.

...Defendants

NOTICE TO 1 TO 3 DEFENDANTS

The Applicant Bank had instituted an application before the **Debts Recovery Tribunal, Coimbatore** against you and for the recovery of loan amount for a sum of **Rs.58,14,325.21** with future interest and costs the same is posted on **13.09.2023** before the Tribunal situated at District Ex-Service Centre, 2nd & 3rd Floor, 27 Travellers Bungalow Road, Coimbatore-641018, You are hereby called upon to appear either in person or through an advocate on **13.09.2023** at **10.30 AM** before the Registrar, Debt Recovery Tribunal without fail. Failing which the matter will be decided in your absence.

M/S. SHANKAR ASSOCIATES,
405-406, Behind JK Steels, Bharathiyar Road, New Siddhapudur, Coimbatore-641 044.

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50.09 CR accounts have been opened under the PM Jan Dhan Yojana in the last nine years and the deposit balance swelled to over ₹2.03 lakh crore, Finance Ministry said on Saturday

Manages to drain out over ₹2 lakh crore from banking system in nearly 3 weeks

RBI curbs excess liquidity amid war against inflation

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

WHILE the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) war against inflation is far from over, the central bank seems to be winning the battle against excess liquidity. By deploying several weapons from its armoury, the RBI has managed to drain out over ₹2 lakh crore from the banking system in nearly three weeks.

As per RBI data, liquidity was around ₹2.64 lakh crore on August 10, which went down to ₹1.21 lakh crore on August 13 and on August 21 the system transitioned into a deficit of ₹23,644.43 crore. However, two days after on August 24, the overall liquidity moved into a surplus of nearly ₹25,800 crore. RBI's decision to impose incremental cash reserve ratio (ICRR) has played a crucial role in sucking excess liquidity.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on August 10 announced banks would be required to maintain ICRR of 10% on increase in their deposits between May 19 and July 28, to absorb surplus liquidity of ₹1 lakh crore from the banking system.

Withdrawal of ₹2000 notes

Surge in liquidity due to withdrawal of ₹2,000 note from circulation was the main trigger behind this decision. The RBI announced on August 1 that nearly 88% of ₹2,000 banknotes valued at ₹3.14 lakh crore have returned to the banking system. Out of the total notes returned, about 87% valuing ₹2.73 lakh crore have come back in the form of deposits and the remaining about 13% has been exchanged into other denomination banknotes.

RBI is not comfortable with excess liquidity as extra money in the system dilutes its efforts to tame inflation. The central bank wants overnight call money rate to be close to repo rate.

"When there is a looming risk of inflation and a pressure on currency, the first line of defence for any central bank is to push up short-term rates. RBI has pushed them up by draining excess liquidity. By draining excess liquidity, RBI has ensured that there remains an upward bias to the short-term rates," Soumyajit Niyogi, Director - Core Analytical Group, India Ratings told this newspaper.

Taking cues from RBI's liquidity tightening measures, the overnight call money rates have risen over the past few weeks. The call money rates were hovering around 6.3% on August 1. After imposition of ICRRR, the rates went up to 6.36% on August 10. Compared to August 1, call money rates have surged by 46 basis points and now it is hovering around 6.76%.

Effects of tight liquidity

Due to tightening of liquidity and high credit demand, banks and non bank finance companies (NBFCs) have turned to certificate of deposits (CDs) and commercial papers to raise short-term funds. The rush to raise funds through these instruments, the three months CD and CP rates have risen by 10-20 basis points in the last two weeks. The three-month CD rates are hovering around 7.00-7.20% levels while rates on three-month CPs are at around 7.20-7.40%. Tight liquidity will also increase medium and long term interest rates.

Apart from imposing ICRR, RBI has been conducting variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) auctions to drain excess liquidity. However, VRRR done by the RBI didn't prove effective due to weak response from the banks. RBI conducts VRRR auction to remove excess surplus liquidity.

"RBI doesn't want any unwarranted liquidity in the system and that is why it is conducting VRRR auctions. Any excess liquidity will bring down short-term rates, which RBI doesn't want. RBI is using an array of tools to ensure that short-term rates are close to repo rate," added Niyogi. "RBI wants liquidity to be at optimum level. It is aiming for a balanced approach where liquidity should be neither too high nor too low. However, chunky outflows owing to monthly GST payment or quarterly advance tax payment do create more volatilities," he added.

Experts believe hardening of interest rate will help RBI shore up value of rupee.

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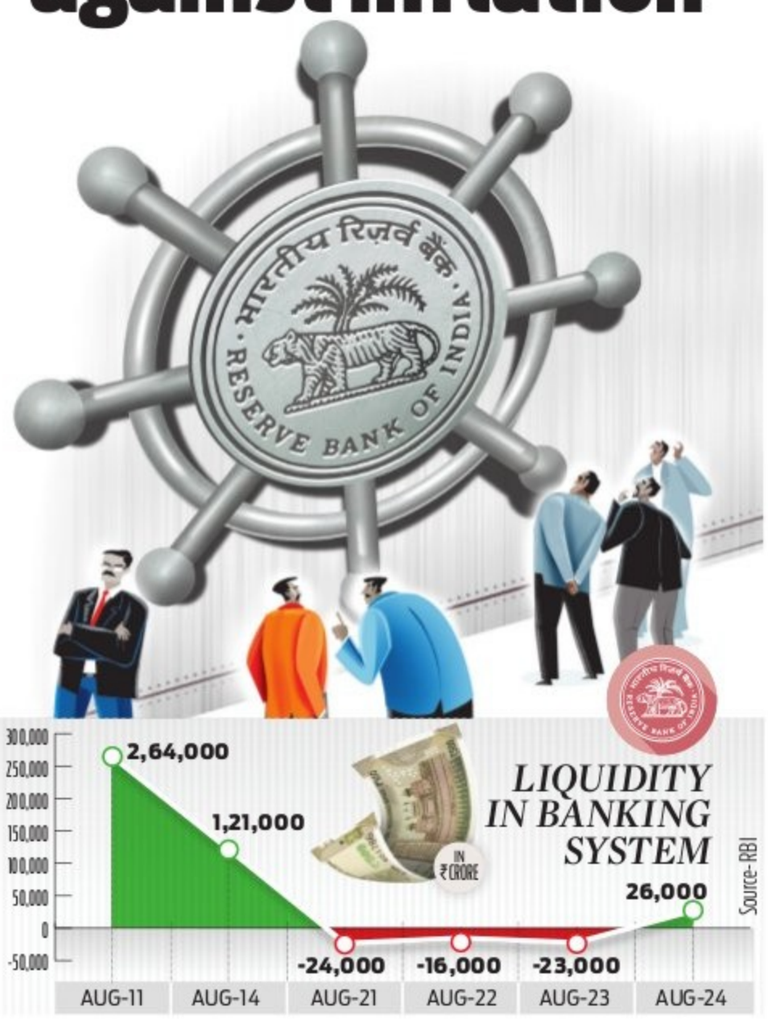

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NEWSCOPE

MORE BRICS IN THE WALL BOLSTERS A MULTI-POLAR WORLD

GURBIR SINGH

THERE was talk at the last BRICS summit in June 2022, hosted by China, to expand the club of developing nations; but few thought it would come so soon. The grouping of Brazil, Russian, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) – formed in 2009 to lobby the interests of large, emerging economies – has admitted 6 more nations at its recently concluded Johannesburg session.

The entry of Argentina, Egypt, Iran Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) brings together disparate nations like Iran and Saudi Arabia, who have been at loggerheads so far. It also boosts the Russia-China axis, which is keen to form these 'plurilateral' blocs to escape the isolation imposed by the West.

The new expanded BRICS is a new milestone in global powerplay. A sleepy club of developing economies has suddenly pitchforked itself to becoming the largest voice of emerging countries with a population of 3.7 billion – almost covering half the Globe. As many as 40 more nations are keen to enter; and 23 have formally applied.

As the new alliance unfolds, India is playing a difficult balancing act. It sees the new expanded BRICS as a stepping stone to increasing rupee trade through these non-US blocs; but is concerned that it may lose the US' support in its regional tussle with China. Things are fluid but interesting.

The West is skeptical

The West predictably is underplaying the importance of an expanding BRICS. Commentators in the NYT and elsewhere see it as a significant victory for Russia and China against a sanction-wielding Western alliance.

However, these commentors are hoping the bloc will fail to make headway due to the odd mix of ideology and interests. A hotchpotch of Iran, in open alignment with Russia, Saudi Arabia still entirely dependent on the US for its vast defense arsenal, and with both Brazil and India wanting to tread a middle road between US and China, cannot have a single voice.

Again, spokespersons for the West see the new BRICS alliance with limited economic clout with the exception of China. They point out China has failed in pushing through a BRICS currency to counter the dollar, and now the plan has been degraded to pushing for members trading with each other in their local currency.

Jim O'Neill, a former Goldman Sachs economist who coined the term BRIC in 2001, called the statements from the new, expanded BRICS meetings "all about symbolism…It's not clear to me that BRIC summits have done anything," he was quoted as saying. Despite all the Western bravado, there is quiet concern in Washington at the new wake-up call.

SOURAV ROY

A new NAM emerging?

Can this be a new version of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) founded by Pandit Nehru, Marshal Josep Tito of Yugoslavia and President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt in the 1950s? As the world slipped into a Cold War between the US and the Soviet Union, the new emerging nations were keen to avoid becoming part of the warring blocs. The 1955 Bandung Conference of the African and Asian nations who had fought colonialism, decided to pitch for a neutral position that allowed them both sovereignty and elbow room for independent economic progress.

NAM was a successful experiment of 120 emerging nations as an anti-colonial, third bloc. The alliance in recent years has lost its clout with after the break-up of the Soviet Union and with fresh alignments like India joining the advanced nations as part of the G20 club. Now, with the Ukraine war and the increasing polarization between the US and China, can BRICS+ emerge as the new NAM?

History rarely repeats itself except as tragedy or farce. An expanded BRICS cannot be a geopolitical Third Bloc when Russia and China are both its members. However, there is real concern on how to contain the dominance of the North G7 Group.

The obvious counter is to get BRICS to serve as an alternative economic platformto get the best deals in trade and technology. India, for instance, has recently signed an agreement with the UAE to trade in rupees and Emirati dirhams instead of in the US dollar. An expanded BRICS will make similar deals easier.

The alliance can also emerge as an energy trading platform on terms that can beat many West-imposed sanctions. Perhaps the largest beneficiary will be the heavily sanctioned Iran, who can now access BRICS markets. Many are already speaking of a BRICS + OPEC alliance.

But it is the African nations becoming part of BRICS that poses the biggest challenge to the West. There is a discernible movement of Africa away from the US and its allies, who are seen as neo-colonialists wanting to subjugate the continent again. This makes BRICS a significant non-dollar option.

On the other hand, like Brazil and India, the Saudis, Egypt and the UAE have made it clear that they are equidistant from the big powers and don't see BRICS as an anti-US thing. In this context, it is unlikely that BRICS+ will emerge as a voice of the Global South in the near future. But one can never say. It could move in that direction.

Government unwilling to formalise ePharmacies

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

IT is a major setback for ePharmacies as the government officials have expressed reluctance to formalise the online sale of drugs and medicines during a meeting with representatives from the industry. The discussion, held at the office of the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), aimed to address concerns regarding the regulation of ePharmacies.

Sources familiar with the matter said the government remained unconvinced by the suggestions put forth by ePharmacy representatives and intended to maintain status quo. A senior official stated, "The government is not even in favour of ePharmacies, but they want to operate in the same way as they are functioning now. The government has told them it will not formalise this sector in their current form."

This meeting followed a previous interaction between ePharmacy stakeholders and Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya earlier this month. The government's objective in regulating online drug sales revolves around mitigating risks such as the circulation of counterfeit medicines, addictive narcotics, and potential national security concerns.

During the meeting with major ePharmacy players, Mandaviya expressed apprehensions about the existing model of selling drugs online, emphasising the need for improved approaches. Prominent companies such as Tata1mg, Netmeds, Amazon, Flipkart, Practo, Apollo, and PharmEasy were among the attendees.

In a bid to curb illegal drug sales online, health ministry is reportedly planning to launch a national portal for ePrescription. Sources indicate that doctors will be required to register on the platform to provide online prescriptions, enabling patients to purchase their medications.

The government aims to discourage misuse of prescriptions by implementing an ePrescription network for the online sale of drugs and medicines.

"The government is looking at a Zomato-Swiggy model for medicine delivery. This would involve delivery personnel collecting medicines from physical stores and delivering them to customers, enhancing the efficiency and security of the process," the official cited above explained.

Earlier this year, the ministry issued show cause notices to 31 firms for selling medicines online without necessary permissions. The government's efforts to regulate the online pharmaceutical sector stem from a commitment to ensure the safety and authenticity of medications available to consumers, as per the official.

As discussions continue between ePharmacy stakeholders and government officials, the future of online drug sales industry remains uncertain.

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Business & Beyond

Independence Day celebrated across offices of NALCO with Patriotic Fervor

Bhubaneswar: 77th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervor across all units, Corporate Office and regional offices of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO). Shri Sridhar Patra, CMD, NALCO, visited the Company's Smelter and Power Complex, located at Angul, Odisha, and hoisted the tricolor in presence of senior officials, representatives of various Unions & Associations and invited guests. In his address, Shri Patra urged Nalconians to rededicate themselves to nation building in this "Amrut Bela". Meritorious students of DPS, SVM and peripheral school of Smelter and Power Complex were also felicitated on the occasion.

GAIL Director (Finance) Rakesh Kumar Jain wins prestigious 'CFO Leadership Award'

New Delhi: Rakesh Kumar Jain, Director (Finance) of GAIL (India) Limited, has been honoured with the prestigious 'CFO Leadership Award' by CMO Asia. The award was presented at the 14th Edition of CMO Asia Awards ceremony held in Singapore yesterday. A Cost and Management Accountant by profession, Jain joined GAIL in 1992 as a Management Trainee and has been part of growth trajectory of the company. Prior to his appointment as Director (Finance), Jain held the position of Executive Director (Finance & Accounts) in GAIL. Additionally, Jain holds the position of Director in Indraprastha Gas Limited, GAIL Gas Limited, GAIL Global (USA) Inc. and GAIL Global (USA) LNG LLC.

PNB and Tata Motors Finance enter into partnership for co-sourcing of commercial vehicles

New Delhi: In a strategic move to strengthen its partnership, Punjab National Bank (PNB), nation's leading public sector bank, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tata Motors Finance Solutions (TMFSL) for co-sourcing of commercial vehicles. The co-sourcing arrangement will provide simple and seamless financing solutions to fleet owners and commercial vehicle operators, while expanding and scaling MSME businesses across geographies. The MoU was exchanged between PNB MD&CEO Atul Kumar Goel and TMFSL MD Samrat Gupta in the presence of PNB ED M Paramasivam, PNB CGM Sunil Kumar Chugh, PNB GM (D) Lalit Taneja and TMFSL COO Anand Bang. With a decades-strong on-ground network and extensive market presence, both PNB and Tata Motors Finance are positioned to transform and meet the varied requirements of the commercial vehicles and logistics sector.

JSW BPSL celebrates I-Day with grandeur and patriotism

JSW BPSL Plant, Sambalpur, celebrated the 77th anniversary of India's Independence with enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. The celebration, held at the company's premises, was a testament to JSW BPSL deep-rooted commitment to the nation's growth and development. The event commenced with the hoisting of the tricolor by Mr G S Rathore COO & WTD JSW Steel and Mr Anil Kumar Singh President & WTD accompanied by the soul-stirring rendition of the national anthem. The air was filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and unity as employees, dignitaries, families staying in township and members of local community joined together to commemorate the day.

MCL celebrates I-Day with patriotic fervour

Sambalpur: The 77th Independence Day was celebrated in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited on Tuesday with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm with Chairman-cum-Managing Director (MCL) hoisting the Tricolour at the company headquarters. OP Singh, took salute of the ceremonial parade, which comprised 29 marching contingents. Other dignitaries included Keshav Rao, Director (Personnel); PK Patel, Chief Vigilance Officer; JK Borah, Director(Technical/Operations); AK Behura, Director (Finance); and AK Bapat, Director (Technical/Projects & Planning). In his Independence Day message, Singh extended his greetings to all and paid solemn tribute to the freedom fighters, soldiers and brave coal miners.

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FIFA suspend Spanish FA chief over Hermoso kiss

FIFA suspended Luis Rubiales as president of Spain's football federation on Saturday for kissing Spanish Women's World Cup player Jenni Hermoso on the lips, and banned him from making contact with her. "(We) decided today to provisionally suspend Mr. Luis Rubiales from all football-related activities at national and international level," FIFA said in a statement.

SURF-EXCEL: INDIA AIM TO MAKE WAVES

With Chennai recently hosting the World Surfing League, *Kalyani Mangale* takes a look at the rise of surfing in India, the work gone behind the scenes, plans to grow the sport to qualify for Olympics and more...

There is something about surfing," Stephanie Gilmore's eyes lit up instantly. "It's a lifestyle. There are not a lot of athletes who choose to do their sport for leisure, and surfing crosses over so easily," the eight-time World Surfing League champion told the Olympics Surfing YouTube channel.

Why wouldn't it be? The sport that attracts lifestyle brands in the world like Vans and Red Bull and even inspired the invention of the 'Go-Pro' action cameras has to be among the list of 'coolest sports'. It is that 'sit back and relax' beach sport adored around the world. And it was Arun Vasu, president of the Surfing Federation of India, who decided to bring the sport to Indian shores. "I have always been into water sports," Vasu, told this daily in Mamallapuram, which recently hosted the first-ever Tamil Nadu International Surf Open. "I am mostly a windsurfer (a combination of sailing and surfing). I started when I was 13 and competed for four years. I got into surfing much later. Mostly because of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Kovalam. The main goal was to give them a different means to earn something rather than fishing, which is tough," he added.

Kovalam, a small fishing village near Chennai, has been the hub for the surfing community of the state. With the 12 surfing schools in Kovalam producing several international-level players, the humble beginnings are finally reaping the rewards. "The idea was to create Kovalam as a tourism spot. For 10 years now, we have held surfing events in Kovalam, but for the last 2-3 years, as the Surfing Federation of India, we have been looking to grow the game and promote athletes. And the interest has peaked since the game's introduction in the Olympics," the SFI head said.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) opened the doors for five new sports in 2016. Under the 'Olympic Agenda 2020' the IOC added baseball/softball, karate, skateboarding, sports climbing, and surfing, mainly to attract the youth. "We want to take sport to the youth," IOC president, Thomas Bach, insisted when the five sports became part of the Olympics. "With the many options that young people have, we cannot expect any more that they will come automatically to us. We have to go to them. The five sports are an innovative combination of established and emerging, youth-focused events."

Sunday Special

Vasu hopes to capture the youthfulness of surfing in India. He believes that the government has started showing interest because surfing has been part of the Olympics since Tokyo 2020. "In India, it is extremely hard to get sponsors. It is a big step now that the government has stepped in to sponsor the first-ever world surfing league in India. I don't think people realise how big it is. I am happy that (in our first attempt) we managed 11 countries to come in for this, around 60 participants from all over the world. We wanted to create an impact this year and to bring India on the surfing map," he added.

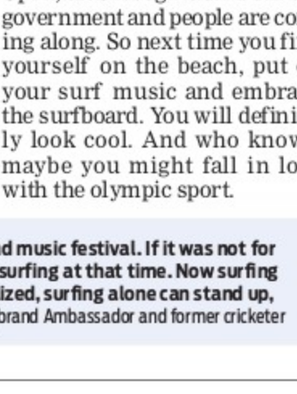
Hosting the International Surf Open has been the tip of the iceberg for the Vasu and the SFI governing council. To grow the game in India and to get recognition as an Olympic sport, SFI has been working to establish more state associations. "We are in the process of establishing more state associations in India. The Sports Ministry has given us the waiver to have 10 state associations, instead of 25 (that is required). That process is ongoing and once we get to that, we can have the Olympics recognition. All of this has happened in the last six months," you can hear the excitement in Vasu's voice.

If everything goes according to plan, surfers could potentially get a chance to be part of the Indian contingent for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics. If and when the opportunity to compete at the highest level comes, Vasu knows how important it is to make them competition-ready. "We need a good five-year window (to grow the game). I am very confident that in the next three years, we will see a big jump. We are getting more people from cities as well. We need to grow more kids' programs. Once the fear of water goes, and that bug is there, it's easier to grow them. One example is Japan. As you have seen, there is a big Japanese contingent here at the Surf Open. Seven years ago, they were not known as the surfing nation. They focused on their Olympics first and now they are considered one of the top surfing nations."

"We have talent here. If we groom them, we can compete at the next Olympics. By the time of the next Olympics, they will be around 17-18 and probably peak by then. Surfing is an infant sport in India but I am hopeful," Vasu added.

To make the players competitive SFI has made efforts ranging from the coaching staff to training programs and Vasu believes the Indian team has responded positively to them. After all, for the first time, they hired a South African coach, Patrick Renaud, who worked with the Indian team. "He accompanied them to the World Games in El Salvador. Surfers have spent 3 to 4 months in Sri Lanka and Maldives for training. We could see immediately that there is a big improvement with the players. We have a good coach and we are investing in local coaches, too," he says with hope.

Over the last year or so, the SFI, led by Vasu, has ridden the wave to make its mark on the surfing world. More surfers, a world-class India-based Surfing Open, and recognition from the government and people are coming along. So next time you find yourself on the beach, put on your surf music and embrace the surfboard. You will definitely look cool. And who knows, maybe you might fall in love with the olympic sport.



(TOP) Players take part in an evening practice session during the World Surfing league at Mamallapuram; Arun Vasu, Surfing Federation of India president | ASHWIN PRASATH

On the coast of Tamil Nadu, we had this surf, yoga, and music festival. If it was not for yoga and music, nobody would have come to watch surfing at that time. Now surfing takes priority. The year after the pandemic we realized, surfing alone can stand up, without music as well —Jonty Rhodes, Indian Surfing brand Ambassador and former cricketer

USA's Noah Lyles celebrates after winning the 200m gold medal in the final | AP

Lyles claims double, clinches 200m title

AP @Budapest

WHEN Noah Lyles powered into the straightaway and started pulling away in the 200-metre final, only a few questions remained on a night when track's best sprinters backed up the hype at World Championships. None of them had to do with whether he would win.

The man who wants to someday be more than a mere sports star stayed on that trajectory Friday in a 19.52-second runaway to become the first man to complete the 100-200 sprint double at Worlds since Usain Bolt did it for the third time back in 2015. This was Lyles' third straight World Championship in his better race, the 200. As for the biggest questions left: Will he meet his stated goal of 19.10 seconds in the 200, and can he reach superstar status at the Olympics — well, those answers will be teased out over the 11 1/2 months between now and the Paris Games.

Neeraj in action on Sunday

Three Indian Javelin throwers including Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra, Kishore Jena and DP Manu will be in the race for the medal during the final that begins on 11.40PM IST.

"I think I've said a lot of times that I want to transcend the sport," said Lyles, who is currently the subject of two documentaries and arguably the most engaging character in track. "I am the guy who wants to move past just being 'track famous'."

A huge part of that, of course, is getting the work done on the oval. Consider that done, at least for now. The 26-year-old American surprised pretty much everyone but himself by winning the 100 last weekend. Then, he came out and worked on his specialty, the 200. "The 100 is fun," Lyles said. "But the 200, you know, this one is personal to me."

The same might be said for Jamaica's Shericka Jackson, who ran the second fastest time in history, a 21.41, to win her second straight title at 200 metres. Four days after taking second in the 100, Jackson beat American Gabby Thomas by .4 seconds and three steps in the 200, with Sha'Carri Richardson taking bronze to go with her gold in the 100. Florence Griffith-Joyner's record of 21.34 is nearly 35 years old and Jackson has now run in the 21.4s twice — this adding to the 21.45 she ran at last year's Worlds. With Thomas, who has a 21.60 on her resume, and now Richardson there to push her, there's a sense Flo-Jo's mark could be ready to go in Paris. "When I crossed the line and I saw the time, I was like, 'Oh, I'm close, I'm close!'" Jackson said.

Tijil, Arya shine on Day one in LGB Formula 4

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Coimbatore

THE first race weekend of the 26th JK Tyre National Racing Championship served up a humdinger at the Kari Motor Speedway circuit in Coimbatore on Saturday. The action peaked during the final laps of the first LGB Formula 4 Class race in the morning session, where no single driver managed to keep hold of the lead.

Tijil Rao, Arya Singh and Diljith TS, all of Dark Don Racing, went wheel to wheel several times even as the rest of the field were content with fighting for fourth place. While Diljith started on pole, all three teammates had a go at leading the pack in a race that saw the Safety Car make its way out a few times.

It looked like Diljith, who started the final lap fighting for first, had managed to plot a heist with a smart manoeuvre but he couldn't keep it as both Tijil and Arya overtook him before the final corner with the latter managed to keep his cool to take the chequered flag. After the race, Diljith expressed his happiness but said he could have done better. "Happy with the first race," he told this daily. The 29-year-old is back with Dark Don Racing after a year out. It was a sort of role reversal in the second of the LGB 4 races as Arya exacted sweet revenge as he managed to finish first ahead of Tijil. In another race that saw the Safety Car make a few excursions, Arya did what he couldn't in the first race. Ahura Racing's Viswas Vijayaraj finished in third place.

It was a double for Arjun Nair, turning out for Momentum Motorsports, in the JK Tyre Novice Cup. While he held off the challenge of Neythan McPherson in the first race (13:23.275 as compared to 13:24.517), the margin of his win in the second was almost six seconds.

Chennai's Anand R occupied the top step of the podium in the Continental GT Cup, the other race on Saturday.

Saturday's results

LGB Formula 4: Race 1: Tijil Rao, Arya Singh, Diljith TS; Race 2: Arya Singh, Tijil, Viswas Vijayaraj; JK Tyre Novice Cup: Race 1: Arjun S Nair, Neythan McPherson, Joel Josheph; Race 2: Arjun, Saishiva Sankaran, Abhay M; JK Tyre Presents Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup: Anand R, Md Samrul Zubair, Abhishek Vasudev.

Arya Singh of Dark Don Racing in action on Saturday | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Prannoy goes down fighting in semis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

HS Prannoy's determination, fighting spirit and imposing badminton have taken him a long way in recent times, especially this year. After assuring himself a bronze medal in the ongoing World Championships in Copenhagen on Friday, the 31-year-old was looking to go the distance. And that was not farfetched given his prosperous run.

However, that was not meant to be as he went down (21-18, 13-21, 14-21) against Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in the men's singles semifinal on Saturday. But he didn't go without a fight. All those aforementioned attributes were visible as he took on Vitidsarn. The World No 9, who became the fifth men's singles player to capture a medal in the marquee event on Friday, was dictating play in the opening game. The Kerala shuttler was attacking his rival's backhand. Vitidsarn, on the other hand, was unable to cope with the pressure and was making plenty of errors. The Thai shuttler did show some fight towards the end but Prannoy closed the game comfortably.

Former Olympic gold medallist Carolina Marin beat Akane Yamaguchi of Japan 23-21, 21-13 in the women's singles semifinal on Saturday | AFP

Even in the second game, Prannoy was on point from the word go and had a handy lead. However, Vitidsarn refused to yield and started to find his feet. That's when the narrative changed. Prannoy looked tired while Vitidsarn looked renewed. In the end, Vitidsarn won the game fairly comfortably to take the match to a decider.

The third game was an intriguing one as both players refused to bow down. But it was Vitidsarn who had the slender lead at the early stages. Visibly buoyed after pocketing the second game, the Thai shuttler was pulling off some sharp returns and landing some powerful winners as well. The Thai shuttler built a handy lead before sealing Prannoy's fate.

Prannoy, who captured the Malaysia Masters title earlier this year, bows out with plenty of takeaways. Beating World No 1 Viktor Axelsen in his own backyard is one of the highlights. The Denmark shuttler, who has proven to be a riddle for most shuttlers in the BWF circuit over the years, was clearly rattled by Prannoy just a day earlier.

India's HS Prannoy won the bronze medal | AFP

Man Utd rally to beat Forest, Arsenal held

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MANCHESTER United hit back from conceding twice in the first four minutes to beat Nottingham Forest 3-2 on Saturday as Arsenal dropped points for the first time this season in a 2-2 draw with 10-man Fulham.

The Gunners slip up allowed north London rivals Tottenham to remain top of the table on goal difference after they won 2-0 at Bournemouth.

United could not have got off to a worse start at Old Trafford. Taiwo Awoniyi burst clear from a United corner to score for the seventh consecutive Premier League game after 90 seconds. There were just three minutes and 45 seconds on the clock when Willy Boly then found the net from Morgan Gibbs-White's free-kick.

United battled back to secure a vital three points. Cristian Eriksen started the comeback when he turned home Marcus Rashford's cross. Casemiro missed an great chance before the break but made amends when he fired home Bruno Fernandes' knockdown. Forest captain Joe Worrall was then sent off 23 minutes from time for bringing down Fernandes.

Fernandes won the match from the penalty spot.

Man United's Bruno Fernandes (8) celebrates after scoring the third goal | AP

RESULTS: Bournemouth 0-2 Tottenham; Arsenal 2 -2 Fulham; Brentford 1-1 Crystal Palace; Man United 3 -2 Nottingham Forest; Everton 0-1 Wolves.

IOC not communicating with acting CEO a concern

FLIPSIDE

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The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is staring down the barrel. It has been more than eight months and they are yet to appoint a Chief Executive Officer. What seems baffling is that this is in complete defiance of its own constitution and also the International Olympic Committee's repeated reminders. Some say it is ignorance rather than defiance and that the IOA is underestimating the IOC's powers.

In a recent communication with this newspaper, the IOC had said that they have been monitoring the situation very closely as usual. What seemed disconcerting is that the IOC doesn't recognise the post of acting CEO being held by IOA joint secretary Kalyan Chaubey right now. "...as far as the IOC is concerned, all communications are addressed to the IOA President, in the absence of a duly appointed CEO," IOC told this newspaper.

Though the IOC doesn't communicate with the acting CEO, but majority of the authorities within the country including the sports ministry and the Sports Authority of India and even Olympic Council of Asia communicate with the acting CEO. The post of acting CEO is in violation of the constitution that allows a joint secretary to assume office for a maximum of 60 days "a Joint Secretary shall function as the CEO until a new CEO is appointed within 60 days from the position being declared vacant."

The IOC further said: "As mentioned in recent updates to the IOC EB, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has been directed on many occasions to finalise the appointment process of the new CEO. We can confirm that the IOC continues to monitor this issue very closely with the IOA in order to make sure that the new CEO can be appointed as early as possible. The IOA is expected to act accordingly and responsibly so that it can effectively operate as normal in accordance with its own constitution."

The IOA seems adamant to not appoint a CEO. What is more intriguing is that despite some of the executive committee members including the IOA president, PT Usha, showing interest in appointing one and repeated reminders from the IOC, nothing is moving forward. In the recent EC meeting on August 20, the topic was touched upon but was not deliberated in earnest. In fact the house itself is divided over the appointment. The August 20 EC meeting did not throw up any tangible solution to the appointment of the CEO and no one wants to take the responsibility either.

Another concern for some of the IOA members is that the CEO has sweeping powers as far as day-to-day administration is concerned. Members do not want to give that post to someone who is close to just one faction. The IOA has been trying to dilute the constitution so that they can pick candidates of their choice. That too won't be easy because there is a lack of trust among some members. The IOA tried to change the constitution but the IOC stepped in. And changing may not be easy as even the Supreme Court has said that if they are making changes, it has to get its consent. The IOC too would not want to change a constitution that was adopted in December last year.

However, after what happened to the Wrestling Federation of India – they were banned for not holding elections – IOA should take IOC's warnings lightly. The IOC is a very powerful body and for them slighting a constitution that has been approved by it can be considered a travesty. The IOA, too, can be suspended. Only reason the IOC may go slow could be because of their session in Mumbai in October. The ad hoc committee that was running the WFI did not pay heed to the warning of the United World Wrestling sent in July and the consequences are well known.

EXPRESS READ

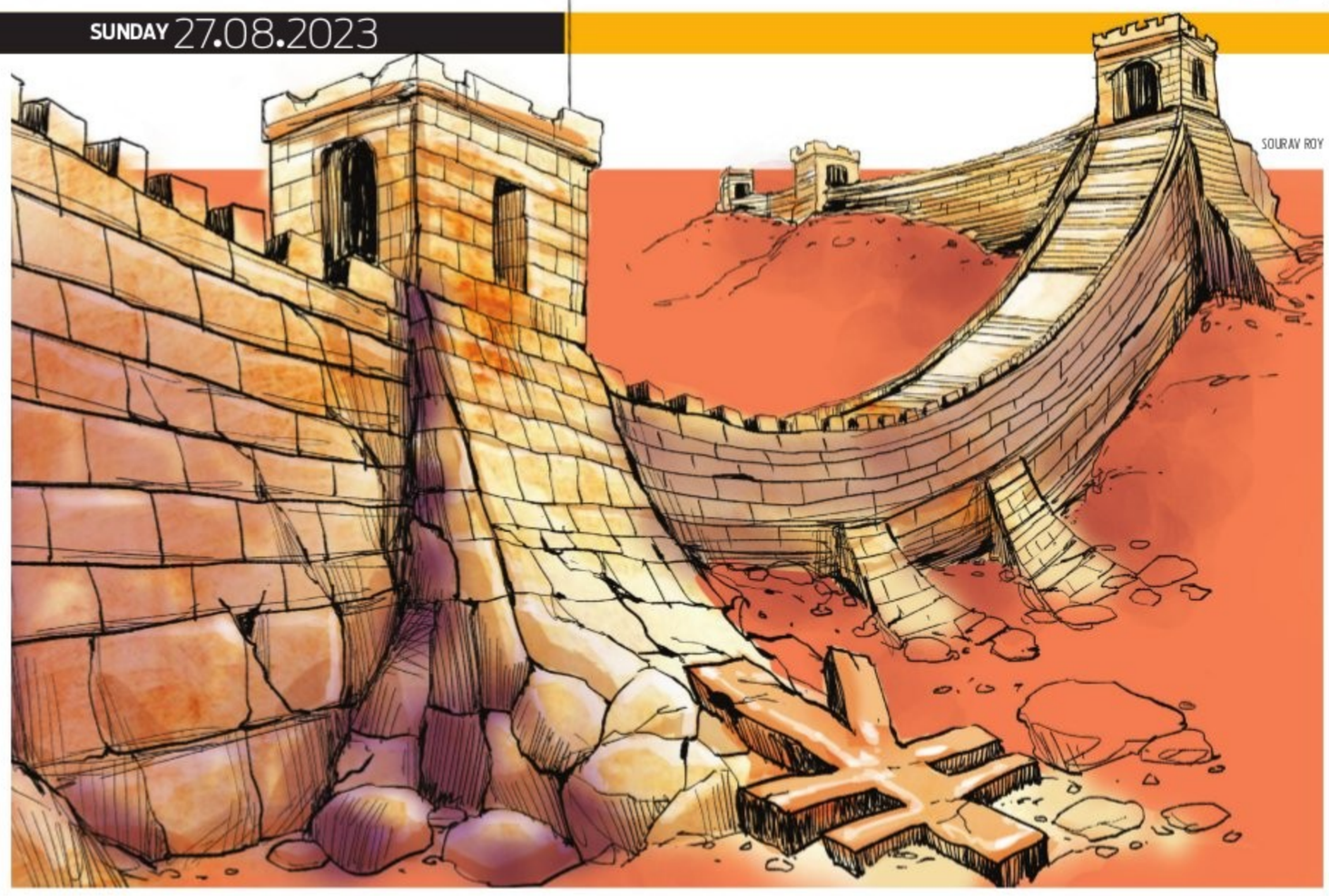
WC 2023: Netherlands banking on India camps

BENGALURU: Netherlands might be entering the ICC World Cup 2023 as rank outsiders, but their coach Ryan Cook is banking on camps in India and practice matches to make an impact in the quadrennial extravaganza. Netherlands will arrive in India mid-September to have a camp in Bengaluru, where they will play a couple of local sides.

Vrishan set for International Deaf Bowls C'ship

NEW DELHI: Vrishan Kanodia, a member of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club (RCGC), became the first bowler to be picked to represent India at the International Deaf Bowls Championship, which is due to be held at Edinburgh in September. Hearing challenged by birth, Vrishan has beat odds to go so far in the sport of lawn bowling.

Though many US firms have taken steps to reduce direct imports from China, the country still remains embedded in US supply chains, according to a paper presented at Jackson Hole conference on Saturday



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CRACKS IN THE FOUNDATION OF THE GREAT WALL

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The Great Wall of China—its economy—is in tatters. Analysts of hues and colours are busy writing epitaphs of the Chinese economy, which was hitherto considered unstoppable. They believe the 40-year march of the Chinese economy has already halted and gone into a long hibernation like the one experienced by its neighbour Japan from the 1990s till recently.

There are ample tell-tale signs of the Chinese economy powering down. In 2022, the GDP grew just 3% against the official target of 5.5%. In the same year, the net foreign direct investment (FDI) flow to the country more than halved to $180 billion from $344 billion in 2021. Also, the FDI inflow in 2022 was the lowest in five years.

The cracks have become much more visible in 2023, forcing some analysts to moderate their GDP growth projections to 4.5% from earlier estimates of 5.5% growth. In the first six months of 2023, net FDI fell 3% year-on-year to $98 billion. China's exports shrank 14.5% in July while imports fell 12.4% compared to the year-ago period. On a year-to-date basis, China's exports for the first seven months of the year slipped 5% from a year ago, while imports dropped 7.6% in the same period. The last straw, however, was the jobs data. China's youth unemployment rate hit a disturbing high of 21.3% in June. After this, the China decided to stop releasing the official unemployment data altogether.

What exactly led to this situation, which was unimaginable till a couple of years ago? It seems the three great strengths of China — its polity, population, and unquenchable thirst for infrastructure spending – are the reasons for its undoing.

Borrowing binge

Since the early 1980s, China's growth story has been marked by unprecedented investment in the creation of public infrastructure, cities, and towns. The country's leadership made conscious efforts to move a large number of its population from villages to cities. In 1980, only 20% of China's population used to reside in urban centres. Now, almost two-thirds of its population lives in cities. That's no mean feat if one compares this with India's numbers – in 1980, a little over 23% of the population used to reside in urban areas. Now, even after 43 years later, India's urban population has grown only to 36%.

China achieved the massive urban shift by investing heavily on infrastructure, housing, and other physical assets. Needless to say, much of this investment was made using borrowed money. The Chinese government encouraged local governments in provinces, corporates, and even households to borrow generously and invest heavily on physical assets. This kicked off a borrowing binge in the country, which is now saddled with a debt that is a mammoth 300% of its GDP – one of the highest in the world. While government debt at 82% of the GDP remains at moderate levels, household and corporate debts, which have gone past 200% of the GDP, are the bigger problem for the country. Overspending has not just led to the rise in debt levels but also resulted in under-used, unproductive, and unnecessary infrastructure.

Realty bubble

By now, all of us would have heard about China's 'ghost cities' and 'ghost factories'. According to many reports and estimates, around 65 million homes in different Chinese cities remain unoccupied. The vacancy rate in China is 12%, second only to Japan (with 13% vacancy rate). Large parts of many Chinese cities with connected roads, public spaces, and skyscrapers remain uninhabited. A *Wall Street Journal* report cited an example of the country's excessive infrastructure overspending. The report talks about one of China's poorest provinces Guizhou, which boasts of 1,700 bridges, and 11 airports. The province has a total debt of $388 billion, and in April it asked for more finances from the Central government.

Estimates suggest that China's real estate sector accounts for 30% of the country's GDP, and 70% household assets are held in real estate. In India, the numbers are 6-7% and 50%, respectively. With such high reliance on the real estate sector, China finds itself in the cusp of a crisis with two of the country's large real estate firms—Evergrande and Country Garden—defaulting on debt repayments. The two together owe more than $500 billion to their creditors. Evergrande has already sought bankruptcy protection in the US. If either of them collapses under the burden of heavy debt, it could spiral into an uncontrollable debt crisis in China.

"Defaults by large property developers outpace regulators' ability to resolve them, causing investment to plummet, home and apartment sales in China to plunge, and dwelling prices to fall some 20% peak to trough," says a Moody's Analytics report.

IMPACT ON INDIA

- Indian economy may experience temporary ripples from the Chinese crisis in the form a decline in exports and a higher trade deficit
- In the long term, some manufacturing investments could flow to India, Vietnam, Indonesia and Mexico
- The crisis might help India capitalise on opportunities within ASEAN region, where China has a major role to play
- Foreign portfolio investments in the short-term could flow out emerging markets (including India) to developed economies
- Chinese yuan could create volatility in the currency market, including in Indian currency markets

Political somersault

China's communist party till a few years ago supported a market-driven economy and private entrepreneurship. But, things are slowly changing ever since President Xi Jinping rose in stature within the party.

Xi has begun undoing the legacy of previous regimes since the days of Deng Xiaoping, who embraced the market economy and began the process of great ascent of the Chinese economy. Xi has now undertaken a new set of economic policies with emphasis on common prosperity, green economy, and upholding of socialist values. The Chinese president has also spoken about correcting the 'imbalances' of the past economic policies that have led to unequal growth and increased stratification of the society. The focus now seems to have an increased say of the public sector in the economy, and restrictions on the private sector. The conventional market economic thinking is being sidestepped for more party-led policymaking.

The Chinese government has also hinted at slowing down the breakneck speed at which it was growing in the past and choosing a more long-term sustainable growth model. "We should first consider the size of the population and the large rural-urban development gap. We cannot be ambitious and unrealistic but we cannot simply follow the beaten path," Xi has been quoted as saying by Qiushi, the official journal of the Chinese Communist Party.

When China began its crackdown on big tech companies in late 2020, commentators wondered if Xi Jinping's new economic model was finally unfolding. The crackdown started with an unceremonious last-minute calling off of the initial public offering (IPO) of Jack Ma-led Ant Group in November 2020. This was a week after Jack Ma had taken a dig at China's regulators and banks for holding back the growth of the country's tech companies. The Chinese authorities, then, pressed ahead with their crackdown. At the annual Central Economic Work Conference in December 2020, they told tech bigwigs including Alibaba, Tencent Holdings and Byte Dance in December 2020 to correct their monopolistic and anti-competitive practices.

Ever since, Chinese regulators have sent notices to over 30 tech companies, many of which were also fined for anti-competitive practices and non-compliances. And, China's market regulator started the scrutiny of mergers and acquisitions involving the big tech companies dating back to the 2000s.

All these measures led to erosion of trillions of dollars in market cap of Chinese technology companies. The crackdown that began in 2020 has left the country's private entrepreneur-led tech sector smaller in stature. Commentators believe Xi is steering the economy towards a more government-administered system, curtailing private sector and entrepreneurs.

Demographic debacle

China, the world's second largest populous country with 1.4 billion people, is fast losing its demographic advantage. China's population in 2022 dropped for the first time in six decades. The UN estimates the Chinese population to drop to 1.3 billion by 2050.

More than its decreasing population, its ageing population is a bigger concern for the country. Those in the working age population (15-64 years) account for 69% of the country's population, which according to Moody's is likely to drop 6 percentage points by 2040.

China followed the one-child policy from 1980 till 2016, and while it helped the country keep its population in check, it also created a demographic crisis. It junked the policy in 2016 but it was probably too late. The country's working age population, which had peaked in 2011 at 900 million, has been shrinking ever since. By 2050, China's working age population might fall to 700 million. According to Brookings, these 700 million working age population might be supporting 500 million Chinese aged above 60 years, who are currently estimated at 200 million.

With a shrinking working age population, the country is no longer a home to cheap labour. Per-hour manufacturing labour cost rose to $6.5 in 2020 compared to $4.82 in Mexico and $2.99 in Vietnam. With curbs on the private sector, a shrinking demographic advantage, and an oversized corporate debt, the country has somewhat lost its competitive edge in manufacturing and is unable to attract fresh investments in the sector.

As it struggles with structural issues such as high debt, unfavourable demographic shift, and a policy overhaul by the government, Beijing is staring at a growth fatigue. It may be a long winter for China.

NUMBERS THAT MATTER

GDP at current price:	**$19.37 tn**
GDP per capita at current price:	**$13,720**
GDP growth (real):	**5.2%**
General govt debt (% of GDP):	**82.4%: 2021**
Private sector debt (% of GDP):	**193%: 2021**
Working age population (% of population):	**69%**

WHY FEDERALISM IN INDIA IS MORE AN ASPIRATION THAN A REALITY

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Concerns on cooperative federalism were at the heart of the debate in Parliament on the contentious Government of NCT of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, which gives the Centre complete control over the appointments and transfers of bureaucrats in the Delhi government. The new legislation adds to the long list of pain points between the Centre and Opposition-ruled states, such as the appointment of Governors, the National Education Policy, the tussle over the National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET) for medical education, devolution of taxes and the GST Council.

The founding fathers of the Constitution created two law-making silos, one for the Centre and the other for the states. The third was a mixed bag. Subjects for all three were listed out and placed in the seventh schedule to define the demarcation of powers. On the Union list were subjects on which Parliament may make laws; matters on the state list were for Assemblies to legislate on; and the concurrent list had items where the rights of both Parliament and state legislatures intersect. The Constitution went on to provide Parliament overriding powers on items on the concurrent list in the event of a Centre-state conflict on legislations. Successive Union governments have been using it to force their will on the states without realising that power does not stay with them forever.

Delhi govt vs Centre

While the Delhi services bill has become law as the Opposition failed to defeat it in Parliament, the legislation at least served to unite them. Most of the Opposition parties termed it anti-constitutional and an attempt to weaken the federal structure of the country. The controversial bill replaced a Central ordinance that restored the Lieutenant Governor's control over the transfer and postings of bureaucrats in Delhi, a power the Supreme Court had handed to the Delhi government in May.

It made L-G the final authority on appointments and transfers of senior officers in the Delhi administration. The bill provides for setting up a three-member National Capital Civil Services Authority (NCCSA) with the chief minister as chairperson and the chief secretary and the principal secretary as members. The panel will decide the transfer, posting and vigilance matters of all Group A officers and DANICS (Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar, Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli (Civil) Services) officers posted in Delhi through a majority of votes. The L-G gets to control the NCCSA through its two bureaucrat-members who are his picks. While Centre justifies the bill claiming Parliament alone has powers to frame laws for Delhi's services, Opposition argues that it is meant to dilute the powers of CM and paralyse governance in capital.

NEET row

The long-standing feud between the Tamil Nadu government and the Centre over NEET admissions has now reached a crescendo with Chief Minister M K Stalin demanding that education be shifted to the state list from the concurrent list. While NEET exams for undergraduate medical courses have been conducted since 2013, the TN Assembly passed an anti-NEET bill in 2021 citing student suicides and its detrimental impact on those from economically weaker and underprivileged groups. Governor R N Ravi sent the bill to the President for consideration since education is on the concurrent list. But he recently went on record to say if it were left to him, he would never sign the legislation. It drew fury from the ruling DMK, which saw it as an attempt to curb its rights to implement educational autonomy.

National Education Policy

Another point of contest is the National Education Policy (NEP) with many Opposition-ruled states criticising it for alleged centralisation of education. Recently, the Karnataka government announced it will scrap the implementation of the NEP from the next academic year, and will introduce a State Education Policy (SEP) instead. States like Tamil Nadu and Kerala, too, have opposed the NEP on many counts. Besides, Tamil Nadu is against the NEP's three-language policy and has constituted a high-level committee to develop a state education strategy.

Many states contend that the authority of the states has been curtailed through the National Education Commission, ABC (Academic Bank of Credit) and CUET (Common University Entrance Test) among others. They also claim that the system of Central grants to universities through UGC has been replaced with a centralised funding body named Higher Education Funding Authority (HEFA). But the education ministry states that Universities are still getting UGC grants, adding the HEFA is just supplementing the funding requirement of Universities for infrastructure creation.

Centre vs states

While Opposition-ruled states claim federalism is at the crossroads because of the trust deficit with the Centre, the latter argues that under the federal structure, the Centre and states share the resources and responsibilities for planning and implementation of national development programmes. The concurrent list has 52 items, including health, education, criminal law, criminal procedure, preventive detention, forests, trade unions, industrial and labour disputes. States maintain that legislating on matters in the concurrent list should be initiated only after adequate consultation with them.

Governor vs states

The confrontation between Governors and some state governments has been at its peak in recent times, at times leading to a constitutional crisis. Opposition ruled states such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and West Bengal have been locking horns with the Governors over pending Bills, Vice Chancellor appointments in state universities, and intervention in governance among other issues. While the states accuse the Centre of misusing the office of Governors in Opposition-ruled states to hinder governance, Constitutional experts say the deteriorating ties between the Governor and state heads go against the spirit of federalism.

In April, the TN Assembly passed a resolution to urge the Centre and the President to fix a timeframe for governors to approve bills adopted by the state House. Governor Ravi is yet to give his assent to a clutch of bills cleared by the TN Assembly. The DMK has even submitted a memorandum to the President seeking the Governor's sacking.

GST Council

Another major contentious point is the GST Council. Though the GST was implemented as a guiding light for fiscal federalism in 2017, many states are at variance with the Centre on issues of GST compensation and the decision-making structure of the GST Council. After having ceded control of their sovereign tax rights to a federal body, the GST Council, where the Centre has one-third of voting rights, states find themselves in fiscal discomfort. Things worsened after the Centre stopped paying compensation to states for any revenue loss due to the implementation of GST. That compensation was available for the first five years of the implementation of GST alone.

Fiscal federalism

The Centre now transfers 41% to the states from its divisible tax pool as against 32% earlier. However, higher transfers have come at the cost of cuts in funding support to Centrally sponsored schemes, which are now partly funded by states. The bone of contention, though, is the formula based on which each state's share from the aggregate transferred amount is decided. One of the key factors (15% weightage) that decides each state's share is the size of the population. While previous finance commissions used the 1971 population as the benchmark to decide the share of the states, the 15th Finance Commission went by the 2011 Census data. Many states, mostly in the South, objected to this as they felt the changed parameters amounted to penalising those that successfully controlled population growth.

There are other criteria like income distance (25% weightage)—states with lower per capita income receiving higher funds from the Centre – which favours states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. These three states together account for over 35% of funds transferred to states. Southern states account for over 25% of the direct tax collected by the Centre and 26% of the GST collected. Yet, they get the lowest amount from the divisible pool - just 16% for the five states in the South put together.

Article 370

Taking away Jammu and Kashmir's special status while the state was under President's rule and rendering Article 370 ineffective are seen as another example of deviation from cooperative federalism. The matter is now before the SC. *(With inputs from Dipak Mondal)*